

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD (PAT) BROWN**

**FILE: 116-442786**

UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.Form approved.  
Budget Bureau No. 38-R001.7.

## PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space is not adequate for complete answers, use the additional space provided under Item No. 27. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle) <b>BROWN, EDMUND GERALD</b>		25. DESCRIPTION (Check which) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				
2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman) <b>CA 15757 (F)</b>		RACE <b>WHITE</b>	HEIGHT <b>5'10 1/2"</b>	WEIGHT <b>190</b>	COLOR EYES <b>BROWN</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>
3. PRESENT ADDRESS <b>GOVERNOR'S MANSION SACRAMENTO, CALIF.</b>		6. (Check which) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED DATE <b>10/30/30</b> PLACE <b>Reno, Nevada</b>				
4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS <b>460 MAGELLAN AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>		8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country) <b>CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE OF CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.</b>				
DATE <b>1/59</b>		9. CITIZENSHIP: U. S. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/> By birth				
Prior to <b>1/59</b>		IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER: (A) BY BIRTH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (C) BY NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> (B) DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION NO. DATE CERTIFICATE NO. PLACE IF ALIEN, INDICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF ENTRY PORT OF ENTRY				
Brown, Edmund G.		10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED				
		11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>NONE</b>				
		12. PERMANENT STATION, RANK, AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE				
		12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or Present)				
		SERIAL NOS.	BRANCH	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)	
			<b>NONE</b>			
13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)		FROM (Yr.) TO (Yr.) DEGREES				
NAME OF SCHOOL		ADDRESS				
<b>LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL</b>		<b>1860 HAYES STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>				
<b>SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL</b>		<b>1044 POST STREET, MCT-1 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>		<b>442786 LLB</b>		
				<b>1 JUL 14 1959</b>		
14. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)						
COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE			
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>						
<b>FRANCE, ENGLAND</b>						
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>						
<b>HOLLAND, DENMARK</b>						
<b>ITALY, GREECE</b>						

15. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and ALL dates of addresses when unemployed. If any employments required AEC security clearance ("Q"), indicate the company or organization which requested the clearance. Give name or names under which employed if different than name now used.)		ADDRESS (If not employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (Where employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
11/58 to 12/58	J. J. Newberry, Co.	Sales clerk	1921 Broadway Oakland, Calif.	End of Christmas vacation.

18. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all present membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in all organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations not covered by Question 17 below.)

**None**  
**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**TYPE**

**FROM--**

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17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)

Answer "Yes" or "No" No

OR ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

Answer "No"

18. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

Answer: "Yes" or "No"

No

**NO**  
Answer: "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

NO  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

Answer "Yes" or "No"

NO  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

~~NO~~  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 7, 19, 20, OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE BELOW UNDER ITEM NO. 27, OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

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22. RELATIVES (Parents, stepparents, foster parents, spouse, divorced spouse or spouses, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, halfbrothers, halfsisters, father-in-law, and mother-in-law, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. In the event of marriage subsequent to the execution of this Questionnaire, it will be necessary that data concerning the new spouse be furnished on Form AEC-354.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Daniel Breuner	51	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	Germany	U.S.
Mother	Sue Bertha Breuner	43	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	United States	U.S.
Brother	Daniel Mark Breuner	5	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	United States	U.S.
Sister	Penny Sue Breuner	31	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	United States	U.S.
Sister	Vivian Jean Redinger	22	2940 Parker Avenue, Oakland, California	United States	U.S.

23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
[REDACTED] Middle names unknown	[REDACTED]	3 17 11

24. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE? DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE YOUR 16TH BIRTHDAY. DO NOT INCLUDE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH A FINE OF \$25 OR LESS WAS IMPOSED. ALL OTHER CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED EVEN IF THEY WERE DISMISSED.

If your answer is, "Yes," give in item 25 for each case:

(A) approximate date, (B) charge, (C) place, (D) action taken

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

None

A. DATE	B. CHARGE	C. PLACE WHERE ARRESTED AND NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	D. ACTION TAKEN

26. PREVIOUS SECURITY CLEARANCE

A. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

B. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED CLEARANCE BY ANY BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

If your answer to either question A. or B. is "Yes," please furnish details.

#### CERTIFICATION

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND REVIEWED THE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A HEREOF. I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF MY ELIGIBILITY FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

Audith Breuner  
(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE) (Sign original only)

6/23/59 Oakland, Calif.  
(DATE AND PLACE WHERE SIGNED)

#### TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information)

Clerk Stenographer

CA-A

T. P. Mulholland, Assistant Director,  
Organization and Personnel Division

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)

NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM

U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

518 17th St. Oakland, Calif.

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA?

☐ YES

☐ NO

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA?

☐ YES

☐ NO

(Check the one block applicable)

☐ FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED

☐ I-C ATTACHED

☐ I-4 ATTACHED

(RESULTS OF F.B.I. FINGERPRINT

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27. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN ITEMS 1 TO 26. (Indicate item numbers to which answers apply).

ITEM NO.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *161B*

DATE: July 21, 1959

FROM :

SUBJECT:

EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
DeLoach	✓
McGuire	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Pursuant to approved recommendation in memorandum *7-21-59*  
Mr. Rosen to the Director of July 20, 1959, Liaison contacted today  
Mr. John A. Waters, Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission  
(AEC); and Mr. Earl Lane, Assistant Director of Security Intelligence  
of the Washington area, AEC, to determine if an investigation  
of captioned individual, Governor of California, should be conducted.

Initially, Waters stated that in the light of the fact  
that Brown, as a member of the Board of Regents at the University  
of California, occupies a position of a high degree of importance  
and sensitivity under the Atomic Energy Act, an FBI investigation  
prior to granting him clearance is automatically required by Section  
145 of the Act. He and Lane added that no exceptions or exemptions  
are provided for in the Act. Reference was made by Lane and Waters,  
to Brown's predecessor, Earl Warren, and they stated that AEC  
headquarters records reflect that FBI conducted applicant-type  
investigation on him in connection with the same position on the  
Board of Regents in 1951 when Warren was Governor of California.

A check of our files on Warren, however, reflected that  
the Bureau did not investigate Warren for AEC but rather wrote Waters  
a letter of November 8, 1951, stating that Bureau files did not  
reflect any derogatory information regarding Warren's character,  
loyalty, and associates and that no further inquiry would be conducted  
unless specifically requested by Waters. When this letter was  
brought to the attention of Waters, he said that he had based his  
original statement as to our alleged investigation of Warren on the  
clearance cards on file at AEC headquarters and that he had no present  
recollection of the letter mentioned above. He said that this letter  
should be on file in the San Francisco AEC office; that he would  
check into the matter further; that in the meantime we should hold  
the AEC request on Brown in abeyance until we hear from Waters.

ACTION:

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For information. Liaison will follow with Waters.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section

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*upon investigation of Brown, we should advise Brown so he will understand why*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 20, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN *Arm*SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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 Holloman ☒  
 Gandy ☒

This is to advise the Atomic Energy Commission has requested a background investigation of the above-captioned individual, who is presently the Governor of California. Because of his position as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, which position has been classified as a highly sensitive position by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 requires that a full investigation be conducted by the Bureau. Governor Brown, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, will have access to restricted data.

Even though the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 requires that a full investigation be conducted concerning individuals having a highly sensitive position, it is believed that the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, should be contacted to determine whether an investigation of Governor Brown should be conducted. If the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, reaffirms the request for the investigation, it is believed that the investigation should be ordered, since it is felt that the Bureau would have no alternative, in view of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. In event the investigation is ordered, it is felt that Governor Brown should be advised of the reason for the investigation and the fact it is being conducted at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Bureau files reflect that Governor Brown has never been investigated by the FBI. In an article in the San Francisco Examiner, a California newspaper under date of 7-16-58, Brown, then Attorney General of California, charged the FBI Uniform Crime Reports presented California in an "unjustifiable and unfavorable light," because of the manner in which the statistics were compiled. He subsequently stated the article was not, in any manner, meant to be derogatory of the "great work" being done by the FBI. (62-76249, 62-21610-5-132)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Liaison Section

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**Memorandum to The Director**

Our files also reflect allegations received in the past indicating he sought the aid of communists and communist infiltrated organizations during his political rise. In 1945 he reportedly opposed the deportation of Harry Bridges, a West Coast labor leader accused of membership in the Communist Party. (62-76249)

On the Personnel Security Questionnaire which he submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission for the instant investigation, Brown admits past membership in the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) in 1946. An article in the San Francisco Chronicle, a California newspaper, under date of 8-9-49, announced Brown had been elected vice president of the San Francisco chapter of the NLG. The NLG has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (62-76249)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the investigation of Governor Brown be held in abeyance pending contact with the Director of Security at the Atomic Energy Commission by liaison to determine if an investigation of Governor Brown should be conducted.

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V.  
I concur.

JRM:AS

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: August 12, 1959

FROM :

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

My memorandum of July 21, 1959, reflected that the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) had advised us to hold in abeyance its request for an investigation of Brown, Governor of California, in connection with his need for AEC clearance as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California. It may be noted that AEC so advised us after being informed by us that when Earl Warren was Governor of California, which automatically carries with it membership on the Board of Regents, the Bureau did not investigate Warren for AEC clearance. In the Warren case, clearance by AEC was based on a letter from us stating that Bureau files did not reflect derogatory information on Warren's character, loyalty, and associates, and that no further inquiry would be conducted unless specifically requested by AEC.

On July 24, 1959, AEC Security Director, John A. Waters, said there was nothing new on the Brown situation and that we should continue to hold the matter in abeyance. On August 12, 1959, the Liaison representative was again in touch with Waters about the Brown case. Waters said that there was nothing new; that he had mentioned the problem to the General Manager at AEC; that presumably it was still under consideration in the General Manager's Office; and that he, Waters, had not yet followed it up but would now do so. Waters said that he would let us know as soon as a decision in the case has been reached at AEC.

ACTION:

For information.


JMF:jlkk  
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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Callan (Attention: Mr. Connell)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section

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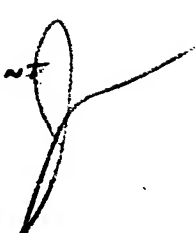
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August 28, 1959

EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
Born: April 21, 1905  
San Francisco, California

In response to your request for the results of any investigations conducted concerning the captioned individual, you are advised that no investigation concerning Mr. Brown has been conducted by the FBI.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 1P

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, CA, ACAA. REBULET TO SAN FRANCISCO JULY  
FOURTEEN, FIFTYNINE. FOR INFO BUREAU, BROWN IS CURRENTLY  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND THE BUREAU MAY RECEIVE INQUIRIES  
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Date: 7/17/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)  
SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN - CA - 15757  
AEAA

b7C Re Bureau telephone call 7/17/59 by Supervisor [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advising instant investigation should be discontinued.

No investigation conducted. No report being submitted.

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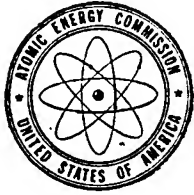
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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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September 30, 1959

IN REPLY REFER TO: S:PFG

MEMORANDUM TO:

*[Redacted]* Liaison Representative **b7c**  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Headquarters

From:

*P. F. Gaughran*  
P. F. Gaughran, Deputy Director  
Division of Security

Subject:

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AEC No. CA-15757

It is requested that the above-entitled case be handled  
in the same manner as the case of Earl Warren, AEC No. BE-3941.

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VIA LIAISON

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Date: October 6, 1959  
To: Atomic Energy Commission  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: EDMUND GERALD BROWN,  
Also Known As "Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

delivered to  
JACC - 10/8/59  
Jm

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1959. No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau relative to Edmund Gerald Brown; however, the following information received by this Bureau may be pertinent to your inquiry:

The February 13, 1945, issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco newspaper, reported that Brown, then District Attorney, opposed the deportation of Harry Bridges, a west coast labor leader accused of membership in the Communist Party. (62-76249-11, pg 7; 39-915-2560)

An article appearing in the August 9, 1945, issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" announced that Brown had been elected vice president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-7321-879)

This Bureau is in possession of a letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee," which was a committee, according to the letterhead, to sponsor a second anniversary dinner of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at San Francisco. This letterhead lists Brown as a member of the Committee in formation. The informant who made the letterhead available to this Bureau stated that Brown was being considered by the Communist Party in San Francisco as a speaker for this committee (no further details available). (62-76249-19)

In March, 1946, this Bureau was furnished a copy of a letter dated January 10, 1946, written by a veterans group at the University of San Francisco, which criticized Brown for

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permitting his name to be listed as a sponsor of a banquet on November 10, 1945, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, in honor of the AYD. In reply, Brown by letter dated February 1, 1946, stated that he knew that the Young Communist League (YCL) or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the AYD. He then called an official of the AYD to determine if it was communistic in either origin or intent. According to Brown, the official advised him that the AYD "was not in any manner, shape or form communistic although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged." Brown added, "I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I first investigated its background." The AYD and the YCL have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to EO 10450. (62-76249-13)

The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, U. S. Army, has advised this Bureau that on June 14, 1946, the Mobilization for Democracy sponsored a public meeting at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, at which Brown spoke. The Mobilization for Democracy has been cited as one of the "key communist fronts in California," by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947. (100-343748-9)

Brown advised this Bureau on July 5, 1956, that he was opposed to any provision giving the individual states the right to prosecute subversives. He felt that they were incapable and inadequately equipped to handle such a job. He added, "I assure you that I recognize the menace of subversive activities and I desire to do all in my power to aid and assist you as well as other security agencies of our Government." (62-76249-32)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 5, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen *Rw*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
Also known as "Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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SYNOPSIS:

Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) requests name check in lieu of investigation of Edmund Gerald "Pat" Brown, Governor of California, who is under consideration for AEC clearance as Regent of the University of California. AEC is being advised in proposed letter FBI has never investigated Brown. Letter points out in 1945, according to San Francisco Chronicle, Brown opposed deportation of Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, accused of membership in Communist Party (CP); in 1945 same source stated Brown elected vice president, San Francisco chapter National Lawyers Guild, which is cited as communist front; in 1945 his name appeared on letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee," a committee sponsoring 2nd anniversary dinner for American Youth for Democracy (AYD), cited by Attorney General (AG) under E.O. 10450; when criticized by veterans group for allowing name to be listed Brown disclaimed knowledge AYD was communistic; in 1946 he spoke at public meeting sponsored by Mobilization for Democracy, cited as communist front; in 1946 Brown stated he opposed states prosecuting subversives and pledged his cooperation to FBI and other accredited agencies in prosecuting subversives. Above information can be substantiated.

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[REDACTED] Not being furnished to AEC because some received from highly confidential sources, some hearsay, and information received years ago during Brown's political rise reflecting his attempts to use communists and their attempts to use him. If disseminated to AEC and Brown's clearance held up he would be furnished statement of charges by AEC. Our sources could not be divulged and if divulged could not be substantiated.

During the period 1939 to 1943 Brown was variously reported to have assisted communists in legal matters; solicited political assistance from communists and communist organizations; listed as member of advisory committee for Daily Peoples World, west coast communist newspaper; close personal friend of a known communist and reportedly willing to endorse the California Labor School, cited by AG under E.O. 10450. In 1943 when advised by a CP member the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was giving a luncheon for Brown, latter reportedly stated, "in my heart I agree with you people, but I sometimes differ with your method." He was listed as a "honor," in 1948, to the Joint Anti-

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Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

Facist Refugee Committee, cited by AG under E.O. 10450. In 1954 he reportedly agreed to discuss death sentence of Negro, in California, with a delegation from local Civil Rights Congress (CRC) because of votes controlled by delegation. CRC cited by AG under E.O. 10450.

RECOMMENDATION:


That the attached letter be transmitted to AEC through liaison channels. *How*

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DETAILS:

Under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) on 7/13/59 requested an investigation of Edmund Gerald Brown, aka "Pat," the present Governor of the State of California. The investigation was requested because Brown, as Governor, is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, and as such would have access to restricted data within the meaning of the Atomic Energy Act because the University of California has Atomic Energy contracts.

We have never investigated Brown. It was pointed out to AEC through liaison that Brown is the present Governor and has been for over six months, and that when Earl Warren was Governor, AEC accepted the results of a file search rather than an investigation. Brown is also prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1960. AEC asked us to hold the request for an investigation in abeyance and on 9/30/59 requested that the Brown case be handled in the same manner as the Earl Warren case.

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b3 propose that certain items be furnished to AEC in order that it can reach a decision as to whether Brown should be granted an AEC clearance.

The attached suggested letter to AEC contains the following information disseminated to CIA in 1957 which can be substantiated from public sources or other material:

The February 13, 1945, issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco newspaper, reported that Brown, then District Attorney, opposed the deportation of Harry Bridges, a west coast labor leader, accused of membership in the Communist Party. (62-76249-11, pg. 7) and (39-915-2560)

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Memorandum to The Director  
Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

An article appearing in the 8/9/45 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" announced that Brown had been elected vice president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG). The NLG has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-7321-879)

This Bureau is in possession of a letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee," which was a committee, according to the letterhead, to sponsor a second anniversary dinner of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at San Francisco. This letterhead lists Brown as a member of the Committee in Formation. The informant who made the letterhead available to this Bureau stated that Brown was being considered by the Communist Party (CP) in San Francisco as a speaker for this committee (no further details available). [REDACTED] 62-76249-19) (b2, b7D)

In 3/46, this Bureau was furnished a copy of a letter dated 1/10/46, written by a veterans group at the University of San Francisco, which criticized Brown for permitting his name to be listed as a sponsor of a banquet on 11/10/45, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, in honor of the AYD. In reply, Brown by letter dated 2/1/46 stated that he knew that the Young Communist League (YCL) or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the AYD. He then called an official of the AYD to determine if it was communistic in either origin or intent. According to Brown, the official advised him that the AYD "was not in any manner, shape or form communistic although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged." Brown added, "I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I first investigated its background." The AYD and the YCL have been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (62-76249-13)

The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, U. S. Army, has advised this Bureau that on 6/14/46, the Mobilization for Democracy sponsored a public meeting at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, at which Brown spoke. The Mobilization for Democracy has been cited as one of the "key communist fronts in California," by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947. (100-343748-9)

Brown advised this Bureau on 7/5/56 that he was opposed to any provision giving the individual states the right to prosecute subversives. He felt that they were incapable and inadequately equipped to handle such a job. He added, "I assure you that I recognize the menace of subversive activities and I desire to do all in my power to aid and assist you as well as other security agencies of our Government." (62-76249-32)

It is not believed the following information should be disseminated at this time to AEC because while it constitutes intelligence information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it relates for the most part to "fringe" activity on the part of Brown many years ago; namely, the efforts of the communists to use Brown for their purposes and to enlist his aid on behalf of (S)

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communist causes and communist fronts and of Brown's efforts to enlist support of his political endeavors from communists and from communist fronts. It has been obtained from highly confidential sources, in some instances quoting Brown's own words, and some are hearsay. If AEC denies Brown a clearance it will have to furnish him a statement of charges and back them up with witnesses. The sources of this information would not be available for use in any resulting hearing, cannot be divulged, and while reliable for intelligence purposes, cannot be substantiated even if they could be divulged:

b7c The names of Edmund Gerald Brown and [redacted] were contained in an anonymous confidential communication dated 3/1/39, received by this Bureau, which alleged that they had actively assisted communists in the San Francisco, California, area in their legal troubles. No further details are available in this matter. (62-76249-11, pg. 5)

b7c A confidential informant has advised this Bureau that [redacted] members of and attorneys for the CP, San Francisco, actively campaigned for Brown in his candidacy for San Francisco District Attorney in the fall elections of 1943. The informant further advised that after the election Brown [redacted] said, "Thank you a million for all your fine work on my behalf." (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

b7c On 12/10/43, an informant advised this Bureau that [redacted] contacted Brown and advised him that the NLG was planning to give a luncheon for him. Brown and [redacted] then discussed the Guild and Brown stated that "In my heart I agree with you people but I sometimes differ with your methods." The NLG has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

b7c An informant advised this Bureau on 8/11/44, that Brown was a close personal friend of [redacted] of San Francisco, a known communist who was active in the affairs of the California Labor School. The California Labor School has been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

b7c An informant has advised this Bureau that in 11/44, one [redacted] a known communist, was requested to obtain publicity and aid for District Attorney Edmund Brown in connection with Brown's investigation of the "Mothers, Wives and Sisters of USA," allegedly an "antiadministration" organization in San Francisco. (62-76249-11, pg 8)

A highly confidential source has advised this Bureau that in 12/44, an unknown man had been contacting prominent people in San Francisco and informing them that the California Labor School was dominated by communists. This source further advised that [redacted]



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[redacted] and "an old-time communist," called on District Attorney Edmund Brown and after a long chat was allegedly assured that Brown would give the school and [redacted] a "clean bill of sale to anybody in town." (Tesur, 62-76249-11, pg. 8)

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In 9/44, an informant reported that [redacted] the California Labor School, contacted Brown and asked for a contribution. Brown replied that he was unable to contribute at that time but would allow the school to state that he, Brown, approved and endorsed the school. (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

In 1/45, an informant made available a list of names prepared at the California State Communist Party headquarters at San Francisco. The list was captioned "Names for 'People's World Advisory Committee.'" Brown's name was included in this list along with other public, union and clergy officials. The "People's World," also known as the "Daily People's World," is a west coast communist newspaper. [redacted]  
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An informant has furnished information to this Bureau indicating that [redacted] described above, during a political discussion at a meeting of the State Board of the Communist Party of California (of which he is a member) held on 3/23/46, at San Francisco, stated that Brown, then a candidate for the office of State Attorney General, had called upon him and wanted him to help write a couple of speeches (no further details available). (Tesur, 100-38425-91)

According to an informant, a meeting of the Whitney Club, Communist Political Association, Alameda County, California, was held on 5/2/46, at Oakland, California. According to the informant, the members were instructed to vote for Brown for State Attorney General. [redacted]  
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In 10/46, an informant advised this Bureau that the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (HICCASP) was devoting its main efforts toward the 11/46 elections and was going to intensively support a number of candidates, including Edmund G. Brown, who was running for State Attorney General. The HICCASP is an affiliate of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, which is cited as a communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-138754-136)

According to a highly confidential source, the name of Edmund G. Brown, 460 Magellan Avenue, San Francisco, appeared in the indices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, San Francisco, as of 3/17/48. According to the informant, this file is labeled "Donors," and purports to reflect the names of individuals who have contributed to the organization or who can be influenced to contribute money. The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (100-7061-1753)

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Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

An informant advised this Bureau on 2/24/54 that at a special executive board meeting of the East Bay Civil Rights Congress (CRC), held the previous day at Oakland, California, it was stated that a delegation of individuals (unidentified) had contacted Brown regarding the Wesley Robert Wells case, concerning which the CRC was extremely active. (Wells is a Negro life-termer at San Quentin Penitentiary sentenced to die in 3/54 for assaulting a prison guard.) Brown reportedly asked the delegation if the implications in the Wells case were political. He was informed that they were; that the delegation controlled votes in various local unions in Oakland and San Francisco and that these votes might be helpful to him if he wanted to be governor some day. Brown reportedly agreed to meet for further discussion of the Wells case (no further details available). (The CRC has been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (100-3-72-1061))

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (116-442786)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA PAT BROWN, ARAA. REBULET JULY FOURTEEN, FIFTYNINE. CHAIRMAN JOHN A. MC CONE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION PAREN AEC END PAREN HAS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF ABOVE HYPHEN CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. IMMEDIATELY CONTACT GOVERNOR BROWN AND ADVISE HIM THAT THIS BUREAU IS INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION OF HIM AT THE REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN MC CONE OF AEC INASMUCH AS HE, BROWN, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AEC RESTRICTED DATA AND WILL REQUIRE CLEARANCE FROM AEC. THE INQUIRY OF GOVERNOR BROWN SHOULD BE LIMITED TO A DISCREET NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS AND NECESSARY AGENCY CHECKS. NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY ADVISED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR BROWN IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF AEC. WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY AGENCY CHECKS. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE

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May 5, 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. PARSONS  
MR. BELMONT

EDMUND GERALD BROWN

Honorable John A. McCone, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, called to discuss a problem with me. He stated that Pat Brown, Governor of California is Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of California, which University handles several of the projects for the Atomic Energy Commission at Livermore and Los Alamos, and, of course, the Regents have access to many of these operations and use the laboratories to discuss their programs. He stated that Pat Brown has never been given a "Q clearance" which involves a routine check which this Bureau makes. Mr. McCone stated that our office had advised him that in this instance we did not like to make such a check because of the individual's position, which he understood would be a little awkward especially in making inquiries of his acquaintances and associates. On the other hand he stated the Commission can issue a clearance without such a check, however, they have not made a practice of doing this. He wondered if I could in some way arrange to have a check made on which he could base action for a clearance, since he did not care to make an exception. I told him I was not aware that we were reluctant to do this check and I would have this taken care of immediately to see what can be done.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
MCI - Director

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cc-Mr. Ingram

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**To SACS, San Francisco (116-52286) (Enclosure)**  
**Washington Field (Enclosure)**

**From Director, FBI (116-442786)**

**EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA PAT BROWN, ARAA.**

**ReBulet dated 7/14/59, and radiogram this date.**

**Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter from the Bureau to AEC dated 10/6/59, which sets forth the information furnished to AEC concerning above-captioned individual.**

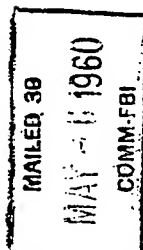
**Include in your reports any information appearing in enclosed letter that comes from the files of your office. Also include in your reports any new pertinent information appearing in files of your office. All other information which is not new information or that which has not been previously furnished to AEC in Bulet to AEC dated 10/6/59, should be set forth under administrative data in your report.**

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /116-52286/ 1P

*Atomic Energy Act Applicant*

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA. PAT BROWN, AEA. BUFILE ONE SIXTEEN DASH FOUR FOUR TWO SEVEN EIGHT SIX. REBURAD MAY SIX, SIXTY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE REGARDING GOVERNOR BROWN. [REDACTED] COMMENTS REGARDING BROWN FAVORABLE.

HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED AT THE REQUEST OF AEC, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THIS TYPE OF INVESTIGATION, THAT THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF THE FBI AND HE FEELS THE FBI HAS MORE IMPORTANT WORK TO DO. HE COMPLIMENTED THE BUREAU FOR ITS CONDUCT IN SUCH INVESTIGATIONS BUT FELT THAT THE MONEY AND MAN HOURS PURSUING SUCH INVESTIGATIONS WERE WASTED. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT HIS COMMENTS BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR. AIRTEL OF COMPLETE DETAIL FOLLOWS.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: **May 6, 1960**

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: EDWARD GERALD BROWN, AKA  
PAT BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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Pursuant to the request made by Honorable John A. McCone, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, on 5/5/60, for an investigation of Governor Brown of California, the San Francisco Office is being instructed to contact Governor Brown immediately and advise him that the FBI is initiating such an investigation of him at the request of Chairman McCone inasmuch as he, Brown, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California will require access to restricted data and a clearance from the Atomic Energy Commission.

The San Francisco Division is also being instructed to initiate such investigation immediately; however, its inquiry should be limited to a discreet number of interviews and necessary agency checks. No neighborhood inquiry will be conducted. Persons being interviewed will be specifically advised the investigation is being conducted at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Washington Field Office is also being instructed to conduct necessary agency checks.

With reference to the statement made by Chairman McCone that our office had advised him that in this instance we did not like to make such a check because of the individual's position these are the facts:

Memorandum dated July 20, 1959, (attachment #1) sets forth that the Atomic Energy Commission had, at that time, requested background investigation of Governor Brown. Since the request for the investigation was received directly from the San Francisco area operations office of the Atomic Energy Commission, it was recommended that the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, be contacted through liaison to determine if the investigation of Brown should be conducted.

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**Enclosures (5)**

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Liaison Section

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Memorandum for Mr. Parsons  
RE: EDMUND GERALD BROWN

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Memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. Belmont dated July 21, 1959, (attachment #2) advised that during the discussion between our liaison representative and the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., the latter stated that the FBI had previously conducted a similar investigation on Brown's predecessor, Earl Warren, when the latter was Governor of California. It was pointed out to the Director of Security that we had not conducted such an investigation of Governor Warren but had furnished the Atomic Energy Commission with a letter reflecting the results of a file check on Warren. The Director of Security advised that he would check into the matter further and that in the meantime the Bureau should hold the request for an investigation of Brown in abeyance.

By memorandum dated September 30, 1959, (attachment #3) the Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., requested that the matter concerning Governor Brown be handled in the same manner as we had previously handled its request on Governor Warren, i.e., a file check only.

Memorandum dated October 5, 1959, (attachment #4) sets forth a summary of the information appearing in Bureau files concerning Governor Brown and pursuant to the recommendation in the memorandum information believed to be pertinent to Atomic Energy Commission's inquiry was furnished to them by letter dated October 6, 1959, (attachment #5).

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

*Re* *Jim* *sec* *p* *V*

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[REDACTED] Bureau, at request of White House, 1-6-59, conducted full-field investigation of [REDACTED] who was being considered for membership on the Commission on International Rules of Judicial Procedure. Investigation generally favorable; however, two or three professional associates questioned his ability to fill position because of lack of experience in international law. Two individuals commented on his drinking habits as social in nature and, on occasions, slightly excessive.

Bureau files disclose [REDACTED] active in "Citizens for Victory" in California in early 1940s. This organization ceased to function in 1944, and was heavily infiltrated by members of Communist Party. [REDACTED] reportedly a member of National Lawyers Guild latter part of 1940; however, resigned from this organization in 1950. National Lawyers Guild cited as communist front by Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 10, 1960

FROM : [REDACTED]

1-Mr. Parsons  
 1-Mr. Belmont  
 1-Mr. Rosen  
 1-Mr. Callan

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka.  
 PAT BROWN  
 ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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Enclosed memorandum Rosen to Parsons, 5-6-60, reflects investigation initiated on Brown, Governor of California, as basis for Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) clearance action, pursuant to 5-5-60 request of AEC Chairman John A. McCone to Director. Memorandum also sets out earlier facts in matter in view of McCone's statement that we had advised him we did not like to make such a check because of the individual's position. Director approved Mr. Tolson's suggestion Liaison straighten McCone out on this.

On 5-9-60 SA [REDACTED] Liaison Section, informed McCone of facts in enclosed memorandum, i.e., that when we received original request for Brown investigation in July, 1959, directly from AEC, San Francisco, it was brought to attention of AEC Security Division at headquarters to determine if investigation should be conducted; that when we pointed out Earl Warren, Brown's predecessor as Governor and Chairman of Board of Regents of University of California, had not been subject of investigation, but AEC clearance action then was based on letter setting forth Bureau file check results, AEC Security told us to hold Brown request in abeyance while they checked further; and that by memorandum of 9-30-59 AEC Security requested we handle Brown matter in same manner as Warren case, i.e., file check only, which was done by our memorandum to AEC 10-6-59. McCone was further informed that we had not stated we were reluctant to conduct Brown investigation.

McCone said that he appreciated being advised as outlined above and that his remark was probably based on misinformation. He added important thing is that investigation is now in progress, as he was also informed. He said he is very grateful for Bureau assistance regarding Brown.

ACTION:

Enclosed for approval is letter to McCone in reply to his 5-6-60 letter, confirming that expedite investigation of Brown has been initiated for AEC.

Enclosures *sent* ✓  
 5-10-60  
 JMF:mtb/sal (7)

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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 6, 1960

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Confirming my telephone discussion with you on May 5, I understand that you will undertake the background investigation of Governor Edmund G. Brown, of California. This is, of course, necessary to permit the Atomic Energy Commission to make the required findings to grant Governor Brown a clearance.

You are aware that Governor Brown in the performance of his duties as a Trustee of the University of California needs to have access to restricted data of the most sensitive type. Trustees of the University in their capacity as members of the governing body of the University, which is the operating contractor of the Commission's weapons laboratories, are naturally called upon to make many decisions; and these decisions must, of course, be based on complete information about all of the activities of the University.

We will sincerely appreciate the assistance of the Bureau in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*John A. McCone*  
John A. McCone

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5/10/60  
pm 7: m + b, sal*

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Callan

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May 10, 1960

BY LIAISON

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Honorable John A. McCone  
Chairman  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCone:

Reference is made to your telephone call to me on May 5, 1960, and your letter of May 6, 1960, concerning your request for background investigation of Governor Edmund G. Brown of California, in order that the Atomic Energy Commission may make required findings to grant Governor Brown a clearance.

As you were informed by Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau on May 9, 1960, the desired investigation has been initiated on an expedite basis. The Atomic Energy Commission will be furnished the results.

This will also confirm [redacted] statements referring you to this Bureau's memorandum of October 6, 1959, setting forth information resulting from a check of our files pursuant to letter from the Atomic Energy Commission dated September 30, 1959. As indicated in the last-mentioned communication, the Atomic Energy Commission requested that the Brown matter be handled in the same manner as that regarding Earl Warren, Brown's predecessor as Governor of California.

You may be assured of this Bureau's continued willingness to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: See memo [redacted] to Belmont, 5-10-60, re Edmund Gerald Brown, aka. Pat Brown, Atomic Energy Act - Applicant, JMF:mtb.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka,  
"Pat" Brown  
AEAA

Rebutel dated 5/6/60, no copy to Los Angeles, which advised that chairman JOHN A. MC CONE of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), has requested that the Bureau conduct an investigation of EDMUND GERALD BROWN the Governor of California, inasmuch as Governor BROWN is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California and will have access to AEC restricted data and will require clearance from AEC. The Bureau instructed that the inquiry of Governor BROWN should be limited to a discreet number of interviews and necessary agency checks. No neighborhood investigation should be conducted. Persons interviewed should be specifically advised that the investigation of Governor BROWN is being conducted at the request of AEC. The Bureau further instructed that investigation should be conducted by mature, experienced SAS and it is imperative that reports reach the Bureau by 5/13/60, without fail.

By airtel dated 5/6/60, no copy to Los Angeles, the Bureau enclosed a copy of a letter from the Bureau to AEC, dated 10/6/59, which set forth the information furnished by AEC concerning Governor BROWN. A photostat of this letter is enclosed herewith to Los Angeles.

Bureau airtel to San Francisco dated 5/6/60, contains the following instructions:

2 - Los Angeles (AM)(REG)(1 Encl.)  
1 - Bureau (AM)(REG)(116-442786)  
1 - San Francisco  
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"Include in your reports any information appearing in enclosed letter that comes from the files of your office. Also include in your reports any new pertinent information appearing in files of your office. All other information which is not new information or that which has not been previously furnished to AEC in Bureau letter to AEC dated 10/6/59, should be set forth under administrative data in your report".

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

Will interview [REDACTED]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 116-442786

) DATE: 5/24/60

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, WFO

116-132564  
(File ~~116-442786~~)

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, CA  
aka  
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b7C Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 5/18/60 at Washington, D.C.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/18/60

Reason for the delinquency: CIA outstanding.

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: 5/31/60.

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.: CA  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No administrative action recommended.

RJH:

*[Signature]*

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URGENT 5-10-60

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
 FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 102101

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA. AEA. RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO  
 SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, MAY 6, LAST.  
 WASHINGTON FIELD IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING  
 INDIVIDUALS: [REDACTED]

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2 CC: WASHINGTON FIELD

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Date: 5/11/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (116-442786)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka. Pat Brown  
AEAA

ReBurad to San Francisco dated 5/6/60.

On 5/11/60 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] San Francisco, California, furnished information concerning Governor EDMUND G. BROWN, all of which information was favorable. [REDACTED] was advised that this investigation was conducted at the specific request of the AEC.

[REDACTED] remarked, however, in connection with the investigation that "some day the people of California will learn of such investigations and will bitterly resent them. It is a disgrace that the Chief Executive of the sovereign State of California should be subjected to an investigation of this kind. Once he is elected, the Government has no right to go behind this unless it is for some reason that has developed after his election." He stated he had no criticism of the Bureau whatsoever but rather complimented the Bureau for the manner and conduct in which it makes such investigations. He said, however, that he feels the Bureau should decline to accept such cases, and to give thought to avoiding them completely. [REDACTED] said he understood thoroughly that regulations provided that the FBI conduct such investigations and that, flattering as the demand for such investigations may be, it was his opinion that the FBI nevertheless should attempt to avoid the imposition of such regulations.

[REDACTED] commented on his friendship and fondness for the Director and remarked that he felt such investigations as this are beneath the dignity of the FBI and that the high calling of the FBI calls for more important work. [REDACTED] stated that it was his personal opinion that a request for this type of investigation by Chairman JOHN A. McCONE of the AEC was instituted primarily for the purpose of relieving McCONE of responsibility and shifting this responsibility to the FBI.

3 Bureau (116-442786) (AM)

2 San Francisco (116-52286)

(1 - File 77-7788, [REDACTED])

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] noted that he, himself, had been the subject of an investigation a few months ago in spite of the fact that he had specifically told former Attorney General BROWNELL and Attorney General ROGERS that he would not accept an appointment to a committee on international law because it would require extensive travel in Europe and he could not afford the time from his present position [redacted]. He said that he felt considerable Bureau time and money was, therefore, wasted in this futile investigation. [redacted] aka., Special Inquiry; investigation conducted January, 1959; Bufile 77-79858.)

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Since I am personally acquainted with [redacted] and I know his fine reputation, I felt that his comments should not be allowed to sit as is without additional clarification and, accordingly, I made contact with him. [redacted] stated he wanted to reemphasize the fact that he had no criticism whatsoever of the FBI but that his criticism was directed primarily at Congress which would pass such legislation which thereupon put a responsibility on AEC, which subsequently "passed the buck" to the FBI. He said that, to explain his remarks that sometime the people will rebel against such investigations, he meant that he felt Congress did not give adequate consideration to the importance and prestige of the Governor of an independent state duly elected by the people. He said that despite the fact that such Governorship might be only a temporary situation and might have rascals in it, such as Governor LONG of Louisiana who undoubtedly was a mentally incompetent, since the man was their Governor, he was, in his mind, the most important expression of home rule the country has.

[redacted] went on to state he felt the FBI was being made the scapegoat of all of the national Government in that we were required to spend our time in many piddling matters when we had such important work also assigned as our responsibility and to which we should give our whole attention.

I noted to [redacted] that the Director felt this also was true in the constant conferring on us of additional responsibilities in Congress after Congress, and that the Director many times had told Congressional committees how thinly we were spread and his desire to contain our responsibilities as they are. [redacted] said that he one day looked forward to the opportunity to sit down with the Director and "bet that the Director would not only agree with this point of view but, in addition, would enlarge upon it."

[redacted] specifically asked that his comments concerning the involvement of the FBI in this type of investigation be brought to the attention of the Director.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Washington Field  
From: Director, FBI (116-442768)  
EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
Pat Brown - CA  
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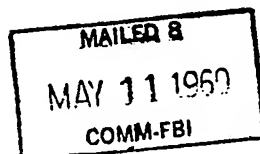
ReBu airtel dated 5-6-60. Refer to your file 105-24305 and your airtel dated 1-27-60. Information in enclosure of referenced airtel has already been disseminated to other governmental agencies. Include in your report information set forth in enclosure of airtel suitable for dissemination to AEC. (100-363673-321)

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5-12-60

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
Pat Brown - CA 15557  
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Re San Francisco radiogram dated 5-10-60.  
Investigation requested in referenced radiogram will be  
handled by the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 5-12-60

FROM : G. C. Callan

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
"Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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During the current investigation of Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown of California for the Atomic Energy Commission, the San Francisco office has recommended that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] be interviewed for their comments concerning Governor Brown.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to:

1. Crime Records Division so that a representative of that division may conduct appropriate interviews with [REDACTED] concerning Governor Brown.

2. The Domestic Intelligence Division so that a representative of the Liaison Section may conduct an appropriate interview with [REDACTED] concerning Governor Brown.

The results of the above-mentioned interviews should be furnished to the Special Inquiry Section of the Investigative Division.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
 1 - Liaison Section

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FROM SAN FRANCISCO 7115-52265

URGENT GERALD BROWN, AKA., AKA. RE SAN FRANCISCO RADIO-GRAM MAY TEN

NINETEEN SIXTY TO BUREAU AND WFO.

INTERVIEW SAN FRANCISCO MAY FOURTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY

WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEW

OFFICE OF FBI WFO

CC TO [Signature]



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5/16/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>5/6/60 - 5/16/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka Pat Brown Ca-15757</b>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED] b7C</b>	Typed By: <b>Jr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AEAA</b>	

**Synopsis:**

**REFERENCES:** Bureau teletype to San Francisco, 5/6/60.  
Bureau airtel to San Francisco, 5/6/60.  
San Francisco airtel to Los Angeles, 5/9/60.  
San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 5/11/60.  
San Francisco radiogram to Bureau, 5/10/60.  
San Francisco teletype to Washington Field, 5/13/60.

**ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:**

One (1) Photostat of letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee."  
2 cc to  
Atomic Energy Commission

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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ENCLOSURE

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Property of FBI - This report is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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Four (4) Photostats of mimeographed document captioned "For Your Information and Use," together with 2 Photostats of envelope in which it was received bearing return address Northern California Headquarters, EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN.

Four (4) Photostats of letter of Omicron Epsilon dated January 10, 1946.

Four (4) Photostats of letter of EDMUND G. BROWN dated February 1, 1946.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	Date Received	Agent To Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
[REDACTED] b2			100-27623-A-H-1198
b2, [REDACTED] (By Request)			62-2767-1A1,10,11,12
b7D [REDACTED]	5/11/60	[REDACTED] b7C	First reported here

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

[REDACTED] was not recontacted in this investigation because it appears he merely furnished documents which had been given to him.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On May 11, 1960, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the files of [REDACTED] Information contained in these files relating to the Applicant was utilized. There was no information of pertinence in these files concerning the Applicant's immediate relatives.



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Reference is made to the letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee" referred to in the details. A Photostat of the San Francisco copy of this letterhead is enclosed to the Bureau. This copy contains numerous notations on it. Only those in the extreme lower right hand corner were placed there by Bureau personnel. They were:

b2, [REDACTED]  
b7D "942 Market St.  
"Nov. 5 1945  
"ASW  
"H-1198-1."

The other notations were on the letterhead when it was obtained from the trash at Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, 942 Market Street, San Francisco, California. In view of the notations on this letterhead, copies of it were not made exhibits to be attached to the details of this report.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by telephone at his request. An appointment had been made on May 10, 1960, to interview him at 11:00 a.m., May 11, 1960, but [REDACTED] telephoned SA [REDACTED] at 4:30 p.m., May 10, 1960, stating he would be unable to keep his May 11, 1960, appointment and requested the interview by telephone. b7C

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In view of the nature of this investigation and the prominence of [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] California, he was not asked to furnish a signed statement or whether he would be willing to testify in any hearing in this matter. b2, b7D

On September 12, 1944, [REDACTED] advised that on that day District Attorney BROWN gave permission to a person soliciting contributions to the California Labor School (CLS) to say that he approved and endorsed this School.

The California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The February 14, 1945, issue of the "Daily People's World" (DPW), page 4, column 6, contained an article captioned "Alameda, SF Demos Back Bridges." Pertinent parts of this article read as follows:

"A resolution requesting President Roosevelt and Attorney General Francis Biddle to drop deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast Longshoremen's Union chief, was adopted today by the Alameda County Democratic Committee.

"At the same time it was announced that San Francisco District Attorney Edmund Brown has added his support to the 'citizenship for Bridges' drive. Brown termed the deportation order against the native born Australian 'as a threat to industrial peace'."

The "People's World," formerly known as the "Daily People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper.

(Not an FBI excision)

Reference is made to memorandum of the Director to the Atomic Energy Commission dated October 6, 1959, enclosed to San Francisco with Buairtel dated May 6, 1960. A review of the files of the San Francisco Office

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indicates that the material referred to in paragraph 2 of page 2 of this memorandum concerning the Mobilization for Democracy meeting of June 14, 1946, did not come from the San Francisco files. *Reported by San*

The following information relating to this meeting found in the "Daily People's World" is being brought to the Bureau's attention for its information:

The June 17, 1946, issue of the "Daily People's World," page 3, columns 4-5, contained an article captioned "Stop The Klan," datelined at Los Angeles, California, on June 16, 1946. This article read as follows in its pertinent parts:

"Stop the Ku Klux Klan!

"This message will go out formally today to city and county law enforcement agencies.

"It was unanimously approved by more than 8000 persons who attended Friday night's citywide mass meeting in Olympic auditorium.

"Called by the Mobilization for Democracy, the meeting asked that laws be enforced against Klansmen 'just as they would be enforced against suspected Reds if they perpetrated acts similar to those charged against the hooded order....' *ST*

"San Francisco District Attorney Edmund G. (Pat) Brown drew applause when he announced he would call an anti-Klan meeting in his city."

The California Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947, pages 48, 62, and 369, cited the Mobilization for Democracy as, "One of the largest, and certainly one of the most potentially potent front organizations created by California Communists" since 1945. "As an excuse for" its creation, the Communist Party seized

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upon the appearance of Gerald L. K. Smith in Los Angeles. It is "a Communist-inspired and dominated organization, carefully window-dressed and directed" and "engaged in inciting riots, racial hatred, and disrespect for law and order." It is one of the "key Communist fronts in California."

The October 10, 1946, issue of the "Daily People's World," page 1, columns 4-5, contained an article datelined October 9, 1946, which in its pertinent portions read as follows:

"The Tenney Committee's attempt to smear Edmund G. 'Pat' Brown, Democratic candidate for Attorney General fizzled out here today about 10 minutes after it started....

"Brown, San Francisco district attorney, told the committee that he had promptly investigated what few Ku Klux Klan type incidents had occurred in his city. SI

"I feel that any public official should be quick at rooting out bigotry and prejudice," Brown said positively.

"Under examination by Richard E. Coombs, committee counsel, Brown refused to condemn the anti-Klan work here of the Mobilization for Democracy.

"Brown said he had never seen any reason to investigate the California Labor School, which Tenney claims is a 'Communist front' in San Francisco.

#### "GUILD UPHELD

"The district attorney upheld the National Lawyers Guild, of which he is a member...."

A characterization of the National Lawyers' Guild is contained in the appendix of this report. b2, b7D

On November 7, 1947, [REDACTED] advised that an official of the Communist Party at San Francisco, California, stated on that day that he had recently congratulated PAT BROWN on his election and asked him if he would like to renew his subscription to the "Daily People's World." This

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official advised that PAT BROWN said "he surely would."

In May, 1948, an anonymous source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is unavailable for recontact, advised that at that time a list of names and addresses was then maintained in the offices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Spanish Refugee Appeal in San Francisco, California, on 3" by 5" cards labeled "Donors." This informant added that on this list were the following names and addresses:

"Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund G.  
"460 Magellan Ave.  
"San Francisco, Calif.

"SF District Attorney  
"550 Montgomery St. SF 4."

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b2, b7D

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In 1948 Former [REDACTED] (concealed by request) advised that the above list was current as of March 17, 1948, and that this list contained names and addresses of all individuals who had contributed money to the San Francisco Chapters of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and its subsidiary group, the Spanish Refugee Appeal. Former [REDACTED] advised that this list was also used as a mailing list by the Executive Committees of these organizations. Informant added that this list contained the names of regular contributors who subscribed to the aims and policies of the organizations, as well as the names of individuals who had been influenced to contribute money without being aware of the full scope of the organizations' activities.

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[REDACTED] California, had access to addressograph plates of the "Daily People's World" subscribers. On September 27, 1950, [REDACTED] furnished the name and address made from an addressograph

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plate reflecting that E. G. BROWN, District Attorney, 550 Montgomery, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, California, was then a six month subscriber to the "Daily People's World" whose subscription would expire on November 11, 1950. b7C

On May 7, 1951, [REDACTED] furnished the name and address made from an addressograph plate reflecting that E. G. BROWN, District Attorney, 550 Montgomery, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, California, was then a six month subscriber to the "Daily People's World" whose subscription would expire on November 11, 1951.

On March 8, 1955, [REDACTED] advised that she was willing to appear at hearings, but that she did not desire to furnish a signed statement concerning persons whose names appeared on the subscription plates because she did not recall the specific data appearing on any of these plates and because she could only state she made copies from these plates. b7C

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Page 22 of Section 1 of the "San Francisco Examiner" for October 27, 1958, contained a full page political advertisement which reflected it was paid for by the Citizens for the Right to Know, 609 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 17, California. This advertisement was captioned "Brown's Little Green Book That Turned Red." It states that the Division of Criminal Law and Enforcement of the Department of Justice of the State of California published a booklet entitled "Guide to Community Relations for Peace Officers" and that this booklet was published while EDMUND G. BROWN was Attorney General. The article then states that several of the authors of the recommended books, pamphlets, and audiovisual aids listed in the bibliography of the above pamphlet have been identified as members of the Communist Party or had been listed in front organizations. Inasmuch as this is one of the many publications issued by the California State Department of Justice during the time that EDMUND G. BROWN was the Attorney General, it is believed that the authors listed in the bibliography of this book are so remotely connected with Governor BROWN personally, that this material was not incorporated in the details of this report.

In view of the above material set forth on the administrative pages of this report relating to the loyalty of the Applicant, the usual statement indicating that other Confidential Informants have no information concerning the Applicant was not incorporated in the details of this report.

Newspaper libraries were not checked in this case in view of Bureau instructions that the inquiry of Governor BROWN should be limited to a discreet number of interviews and necessary agency checks.

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Title: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
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Character: ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

## Synopsis:

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The 2/13/45 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" contained an article reflecting that District Attorney EDMUND G. BROWN opposed the deportation of HARRY BRIDGES. The 8/9/45 issue of the same newspaper contained an article reflecting that BROWN had been elected a Vice President of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild. In November, 1945, [REDACTED] furnished a letterhead which listed EDMUND G. BROWN as a member of the Committee in Formation to sponsor an anniversary dinner for the American Youth for Democracy. [REDACTED] stated that he felt Governor BROWN was lacking in character, ability, judgment, and integrity. All other persons interviewed commented favorably. Governor BROWN was interviewed at his request and explained certain allegations made against him.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The February 13, 1945 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, a daily newspaper in San Francisco, on page 7, column 8, contained an article entitled, "BROWN Aids Appeal of HARRY BRIDGES". In its pertinent parts this article read as follows:

"District Attorney EDMUND G. BROWN came out against the deportation of HARRY BRIDGES, CIO leader, in a statement announced yesterday.

"BROWN in a letter to the Bridges Victory Committee, termed the deportation order against the longshoremens' president 'a threat to industrial peace'.....

"District Attorney BROWN concluded his letter with the hope that 'Mr. BRIDGES will soon be permitted the opportunity of becoming a U. S. citizen'."

From the time of the original petition for naturalization by HARRY RENTON BRIDGES in 1921, until ultimate disposition by the court on July 29, 1955, a series of trials and hearings were held concerning possible membership in and affiliation with the Communist Party on the part of BRIDGES. During the course of these trials and hearings, a second deportation warrant was issued on February 14, 1941. On June 12, 1941, finding against BRIDGES, the deportation warrant was upheld by the United States District Court. On January 3, 1942, the Board of Immigration Appeals disapproved the finding of June 12, 1941. On May 28, 1942, the Attorney General of the United States overrode the Board of Immigration Appeals and again ordered deportation, ~~adopting~~ the findings of June 12, 1941. On February 8, 1943, the presiding Judge, in the United States District Court, denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus on the part of BRIDGES. After this, a later series of trials and hearings, including an appearance before the United States Supreme Court, occurred. Ultimately, on July 29, 1955, in connection with civil denaturalization proceeding, the United States District Court found for BRIDGES, the presiding Judge concluding that "the government has failed to prove allegations...as to membership in the Communist Party by clear and convincing evidence."

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

An article appearing in the August 9, 1945, issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, page 9, column 2, announced that District Attorney EDMUND G. BROWN had been elected one of the five Vice Presidents of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers' Guild is appended hereto.

In November, 1945, San Francisco [REDACTED], who is unavailable for recontact, furnished a letterhead entitled, "Salute to Young America Committee", which was a committee, according to the letterhead, to sponsor a second anniversary dinner of the American Youth for Democracy in San Francisco, California. The letterhead listed EDMUND G. BROWN as a member of the Committee in Formation. [REDACTED] stated that EDMUND G. BROWN was being considered by the Communist Party in San Francisco as a speaker for this committee. [REDACTED] furnished no further details. b2, b7D

A copy of the above mentioned letterhead is attached, marked "Exhibit D."

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In March, 1946, San Francisco [REDACTED] advised that in January, 1946, the Omicron Epsilon Society, a student veterans society at the University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California, addressed letters to persons whose names appeared as sponsors for the banquet honoring the American Youth for Democracy held Saturday, November 10, 1945, at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, stating they could not believe they knowingly gave their consent to be used in support of the American Youth for Democracy and asking them for a written expression on their stand on the American Youth for Democracy. [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the letter written to EDMUND G. BROWN which was dated January 10, 1946. [REDACTED] also furnished a Photostat of the reply of EDMUND G. BROWN dated February 1, 1946, in which he stated he knew that the Young Communist League or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the American Youth for Democracy and that he had called an official of the American Youth for Democracy and asked her if it was Communistic in either origin or intent. According to BROWN, the official b2, b7D

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advised him that the American Youth for Democracy "was not in any manner, shape or form Communistic although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged". BROWN added, "I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I first investigated its background".

A copy of the above letter of the Omicron Epsilon Society is attached, marked "Exhibit A".

A photostat of the above letter of EDMUND G. BROWN is attached, marked "Exhibit B".

The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7C

b7C On May 10, 1960, [REDACTED] advised that he has known Governor BROWN for 25 years or more and has had many social contacts with him. [REDACTED] said that he has not always agreed with Governor BROWN'S statements nor does he always agree with his expressed thinking because of their different political views, but he said he has no reservations whatsoever about Governor BROWN'S loyalty to the United States.

[REDACTED] stated he is quite aware of things that have been said about Governor BROWN'S "leanings to the left", but he dismisses them as unworthy of comment. He said such things gain publicity either by the wishful thinking of the "leftists" or from deliberate misinterpretation of what Governor BROWN would say. [REDACTED] pointed out that this is the type of thing that confronts nearly everyone who runs for a political office.

[REDACTED] stated that Governor BROWN'S social and private life are above question or suspicion; he knows him to be an excellent family man, a good father and a good husband. He stated that he has never heard one question of scandal raised in connection with Governor BROWN'S life.

[REDACTED] advised on May 10, 1960 that he has

known Governor BROWN since 1944, when BROWN became District Attorney of San Francisco. [REDACTED] stated that he thinks very highly of Governor BROWN, both personally and professionally, and he has no doubts as to his character or morals and said that his loyalty to the United States was above question.

b7C [REDACTED] pointed out that he and BROWN differed professionally in one or two celebrated criminal cases in which there was much publicity and BROWN made him extremely "annoyed to put it very mildly". [REDACTED] remarked that with more sober reflection and the passage of several years, he concluded that BROWN acted to the best of his knowledge and ability and that his actions were the result of his good conscience and his knowledge as a prosecuting attorney, and that he has never felt BROWN was swayed by any evil influences.

[REDACTED] stated that he knows Governor BROWN'S family and his brothers and has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably upon any of them. except to note that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concluded by stating that in his opinion Governor BROWN is an outstanding figure.

b7C [REDACTED] of San Francisco, advised on May 10, 1960 that he has known Governor BROWN for 25 years and first knew him when BROWN was entering public life. He stated he has had innumerable contacts with him in social and professional matters. [REDACTED] stated he would have no question concerning Governor BROWN'S morals, character or loyalty to the United States. He remarked that, as a Catholic, Governor BROWN would be hard pressed to reconcile his religion with any Communist doctrines or beliefs, and he stated that Governor BROWN has never said or done anything that would cause him to doubt his loyalty for one moment. He remarked that Governor BROWN is impulsive in speech and sometimes ambiguous, but he believes him to be an honest and sincere person.

[REDACTED] of San Francisco, advised on May 10, 1960 that his personal relations and friendship with Governor EDMUND G. BROWN go back to more than 20 years. He stated [REDACTED] in BROWN'S office when BROWN was District Attorney, [REDACTED] later carrying on the [REDACTED] of the administration and policy making for the entire District Attorney's Office. He stated that they are close personal friends and social acquaintances and have been for many years, and have confided in each other consistently on political and other matters.

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[REDACTED] advised there is no question at all in his mind about Governor BROWN'S loyalty, his thinking or his devotion to the United States. He advised he is a good family man and his associates are all people of the same type. [REDACTED] stated he is personally acquainted with all of Governor BROWN'S family; his wife BERNICE, [REDACTED]

He advised he has two brothers who are lawyers in San Francisco, HAROLD C. [REDACTED] and FRANK M. BROWN, and a sister, Mrs. ARTHUR (CONSTANCE) CARLSON, and all are of good character, reputation and absolutely loyal.

[REDACTED] stated that he felt Governor BROWN is impulsive, both in speech and action, and that people have tried to take advantage of this characteristic. He stated that he did not believe Governor BROWN would welcome support of any kind from any Communist or left wing faction.

[REDACTED] stated that in the late 1930s, the National Lawyers' Guild, local chapter, was organized by several young lawyers who were interested in obtaining recognition at conventions and Bar Association meetings. It had been traditional that only delegates of the San Francisco Bar Association would be recognized at meetings and conventions, and because of the control of the San Francisco Bar Association held by the "downtown" lawyers and the "old family" groups

it was impossible to obtain recognition by young lawyers who were on the "outside". [REDACTED] stated that several young lawyers conceived the idea they could achieve recognition by affiliation with some group like the National Lawyers Guild and stated that he had received an invitation to join and had attended several meetings, but for some reason failed to formally sign up. Subsequently, when it became apparent that the liberal and "left wing" groups were trying to get control, [REDACTED] said many of the members resigned from the local National Lawyers' Guild and he believed that BROWN, who had been a member for sometime and who never subscribed to any of the "left wing" views, resigned about that time. According to [REDACTED] Governor BROWN took little or no part in the proceedings of the National Lawyers' Guild.

[REDACTED] also commented on a statement attributed to Governor BROWN in behalf of HARRY BRIDGES. [REDACTED] stated that HARRY BRIDGES, a San Francisco labor leader who has long been accused of being a Communist and who has always been associated with "left wing" groups, was being threatened with deportation by the U. S. Government in the early 1940s. He advised BRIDGES was an acknowledged labor

leader on the waterfront and a strike was threatened, if he was deported. [redacted] stated that many prominent people, including Governor BROWN, objected to the deportation at that time in a community effort to help San Francisco and the war effort. He said they feared the strike and the possible slowdown of cargo handling on the waterfront and its very obvious effect on the war effort. [redacted] stated that the deportation objections were, ironically enough, motivated by patriotism even though "left wingers" and their organizations were behind the movement.

[redacted] advised that it was brought to his attention that Governor BROWN'S name had been used by the American Youth for Democracy or the Young Communist League around 1946. He stated that this was done without Governor BROWN'S permission and that BROWN had made a statement to this effect during his campaign for Governor and apparently had successfully repudiated any statements to the contrary.

b7c [redacted] stated that [redacted] is well acquainted with Governor BROWN and, since they [redacted] for several years, suggested he be interviewed. [redacted] said, however, that [redacted] would probably be unfriendly to Governor BROWN, because [redacted] feels [redacted] has visualized himself as the Attorney General, or Governor, and has blamed Governor BROWN for the fact that he is not. [redacted] explained that [redacted] approached him about running for Attorney General and that [redacted] explained he could not support [redacted] because of their different political affiliations. [redacted] indicated he blamed BROWN and protested that on the State level partisan politics was unimportant. [redacted] stated furthermore, that in his opinion [redacted] has become so conservative in his views on nearly everything, that he feels [redacted] has become overly scrupulous.

[redacted] advised on May 11, 1960 that he has known Governor BROWN for nearly 20 years and he considers him an honest, loyal American. [redacted] said he is willing to accept the edict of the people of the State of California who elected Governor BROWN and feels that the loyalty of such a person is not open to question. He commented that he and Governor BROWN were members of the same political party but that he had always felt Governor BROWN was much too conservative to be a "true" Democrat. [redacted] stated that his social contacts with Governor BROWN were rather limited, but that professionally he believes Governor BROWN enjoys a very fine reputation.

[redacted] remarked that he felt quite strongly against an investigation of this kind involving the Governor, and remarked that it was, in his opinion, an infringement upon the sovereign right of the State of California.



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b7C [redacted] advised that he has known Governor BROWN for 25 years and first became acquainted with him when Governor BROWN [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] decided to deliver to Governor BROWN [redacted] San Francisco. [redacted] stated that he was the "go-between" in the National Lawyers' Guild between that organization and the CIO for whom [redacted] were doing legal work. He stated that it was only natural that he and [redacted] should try to influence the labor vote in behalf of BROWN because BROWN was favorably looked upon by labor at that time. [redacted] said that it was not so much a favorable view of BROWN but rather a protest against the incumbent MATT BRADY, who has since died and who prosecuted SAM DARCY who was a leader in Communist circles in the San Francisco Bay area. He said the CIO would have supported anyone against BRADY.

[redacted] said he has never known Governor BROWN to be friendly with any "left wing" groups. [redacted] further stated that Governor BROWN was an early member of the National Lawyers' Guild but that in the late 1930s so were a great many lawyers in San Francisco because it was only through this organization that a young or "unknown" lawyer could be heard. However, when "left wing" elements began to "take over" and attempt to dictate policy, many of the more conservative elements resigned, including BROWN. [redacted] said that subsequent to this, the National Lawyers' Guild got the bad reputation it enjoyed for sometime because of the "left wing" elements that obtained and maintained control. [redacted] stated he believes that BROWN quit the National Lawyers' Guild in 1941 or 1942.

[redacted] stated he, [redacted], was a member of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1950 and that his former law partner, [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1950 and he believes that [redacted] is still a member of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] Long and Levit, Attorneys, Merchants Exchange Building, on May 11, 1960 advised that his first association with Governor BROWN was nearly 25 years ago when they were both beginning their interest in politics and both were members of a good Government organization in San Francisco. [redacted] stated that they became friendly because he liked Governor BROWN'S straightforward manner and when Governor BROWN became District Attorney, [redacted] re-organizing his office, and later when Governor BROWN was elected Attorney General [redacted] to help organize the Attorney General's Office.

[redacted] also noted that when Governor BROWN was elected Governor, [redacted] for the purpose of assisting him in organization. [redacted] remarked that from this it can be seen he thinks very highly of Governor BROWN and put it in this manner: "A lawyer's greatest asset is his reputation and I would stake mine on Governor BROWN".

[redacted] stated that he is of a different political affiliation and has different political views than Governor BROWN and noted that things have been said in campaigns concerning BROWN'S "leanings". [redacted] remarked, however, that he knows Governor BROWN well enough to state that all of these statements were either false or exaggerated and that he would never knowingly seek help from the "leftists" and would never give them aid or comfort. He stated that Governor BROWN often acts independently after getting advice. For example, [redacted] stated that in the CHESSMAN case, the convict who was condemned for these many years, Governor BROWN sought his advice and he told him to remain aloof, except as the law required him to act. [redacted] stated that Governor BROWN did not take his advice and the case has put him in "continual hot water".

[redacted], Attorneys at Law, [redacted] on May 13, 1960 said he has known and been friendly with Governor BROWN (for 25 years) and has supported Governor BROWN in all of his campaigns. He characterized Governor BROWN as an honest, God-fearing man of strong character and integrity and one who would not even think of a disloyal thing. [redacted] former U. S. District Judge EDWARD MURPHY, who is now dead, and Governor BROWN joined the National Lawyers' Guild in the late 1930s. [redacted] stated this organization was formed so the rank and file lawyers could have a spokesman before the American Bar Association. After a



time, [redacted] stated it appeared that the "Commies" were getting control of the organization in New York and the people in the West did not like it but found they were going to have a fight on their hands in San Francisco. [redacted] stated that MURPHY was seeking re-election to the Superior Bench in San Francisco at the time and he and Governor BROWN were supporting him. They felt that if MURPHY resigned from the National Lawyers' Guild, the local CIO would run a candidate against MURPHY so Governor BROWN, MURPHY and [redacted] all agreed they would resign together when MURPHY was re-elected. [redacted] stated that they all resigned shortly after Judge MURPHY'S re-election and as far as he knows, Governor BROWN never re-affiliated with the National Lawyers' Guild nor did he ever hold an office in this organization.

[redacted] Watson Navigation Company, 215 Market Street, [redacted] (San Francisco, advised on May 16, 1960 that he first knew Governor BROWN when he, [redacted] San Francisco in 1944 and had many contacts with him, both socially and professionally, since that time. [redacted] stated that he has not conversed with Governor BROWN for about one year and noted that both he and Governor BROWN differed politically, but he is convinced from the numerous talks and meetings he has had with Governor BROWN, that he would never knowingly say or do anything that would not be to the best interests of the United States. [redacted] stated he does not think that Governor BROWN would ever be "soft" toward Communism or anything else that would undermine or attempt to tear down the Government of the United States.

[redacted] said Governor BROWN is a good family man and is honest and sincere. [redacted] commented on the recent publicity Governor BROWN received concerning capital punishment, and stated he is convinced that Governor BROWN acted in good conscience and to the best of his ability, even though, in [redacted] opinion, he damaged himself politically.

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b7c [redacted] advised on May 14, 1960, that he has known Governor EDWARD BROWN since he was eight or nine years of age and that they have had innumerable contacts during his life time. He said he considers Governor BROWN a close personal friend and noted that both are members of the same political party. He said that they have been in each other's company on countless occasions in social gatherings as well.

[redacted] stated that he had absolutely no concern that Governor BROWN would be permitted access to very highly classified material and said that it is unthinkable to question his loyalty or devotion to the United States and its democratic form of government.

[redacted] stated that BROWN's personal attributes are many and that he is a good family man.

[redacted] stated that he believed it only fair to state, however, that BROWN is inclined to equivocate in his language at times, but stated that he is certain that his decisions are made honestly, sincerely, and in good conscience.

[redacted] commented on allegations which he stated were made during Governor BROWN's political campaign and stated that some of the allegations dwelt upon BROWN's "liberal" tendencies. [redacted] stated that he is aware that Governor BROWN at one time was a member of the local chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild and also noted that he was in very select company in his membership, noting that members of the judiciary and prominent lawyers were members at the same time. He remarked that membership in the National Lawyers' Guild at that time, 1939 to 1941, was not at all unusual and that it was only through this organization that the young lawyers of the San Francisco Bay area were able to receive recognition at the Bar Association Conventions. As soon as it became evident that liberal elements were attempting to control the National Lawyers' Guild, [redacted] stated that Governor BROWN and countless other attorneys deserted the ranks of the National Lawyers' Guild in protest.

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The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] b7C

CREDIT AND POLICE CHECKS

b7C On May 11, 1960, the files of the San Francisco Retail Credit Association were checked by [REDACTED] Files of this Credit Association. A record was found concerning EDMUND GERALD BROWN [REDACTED] reflecting that they had a favorable credit rating. There was nothing in the files of this Credit Association reflecting unfavorably upon them.

On May 12, 1960, the files of the San Francisco Police Department were checked by [REDACTED] but nothing identifiable with EDMUND GERALD BROWN [REDACTED] was found. b7C

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California, advised that he has known Governor BROWN for the past 14 years as District Attorney of San Francisco County, Attorney General and Governor of the State of California. [REDACTED] stated that it is his personal opinion that Governor BROWN is lacking in character, ability, judgment and integrity, and that he cannot keep a secret.

As an example of Governor BROWN'S lack of ability and judgment, [REDACTED] cited what he considered Governor BROWN'S mis-handling of the recently publicized CARYL CHESSMAN case wherein Governor BROWN granted CHESSMAN a reprieve. [REDACTED] advised in this connection that he is strongly opposed to Governor BROWN'S stand in favor of abolishing capital punishment as he, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] to retain capital punishment.

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Concerning Governor BROWN'S lack of character and integrity and his inability to keep a secret, [REDACTED] stated that in December, 1949 he attended the National Chiefs of Police Convention wherein U. S. Attorney General McGRATH gave a talk and stated that in February, 1950 he, McGRATH, was having a meeting in Washington, D. C. with a few selected members of the national Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs regarding organized crime. [REDACTED] stated that after this speech he went to Attorney General McGRATH and asked him why the District Attorneys were not included in this February, 1950 meeting inasmuch as the District Attorneys were the front line defense in organized crime. McGRATH advised him that the District Attorneys had no national organization. [REDACTED] told McGRATH that he had been working on a national association of District Attorneys for over a year. [REDACTED] advised that McGRATH then requested that he, [REDACTED] five District Attorneys from throughout the United States to attend the meeting in February, 1950.

[REDACTED] advised that he attended this meeting with [REDACTED] District Attorneys but that BROWN, then District Attorney for San Francisco County, was not invited. [REDACTED] stated that BROWN attended this meeting even though he was not invited. According to [REDACTED] at the meeting he, [REDACTED], made a talk regarding the formation of the national association of District Attorneys and informed that he, [REDACTED] County Supervisors Association of California,

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had worked on this plan for over a year and contacted many of the District Attorneys throughout the United States. According to [REDACTED] also took the floor and further explained the plans for a national association of District Attorneys.

b7C [REDACTED] stated that the next day Mr. BROWN called a press conference and announced that the national association of District Attorneys was his idea and that he, BROWN, had presented it at a meeting on the day before. [REDACTED] stated that this was 100% false and a deliberate lie. According to [REDACTED] later when he saw Mr. BROWN in California and accused BROWN of this falsification, BROWN stated "well, you didn't have a patent on it".

Concerning loyalty to the United States, [REDACTED] said that while he certainly does not believe Governor BROWN is disloyal, on one occasion at a District Attorneys Convention in Santa Barbara, California, date not recalled, Mr. BROWN gave a speech and criticized congressional committees and hearings. [REDACTED] stated that Chief WILLIAM PARKER, Los Angeles, California Police Department, gave a speech following that of Mr. BROWN. According to [REDACTED] Chief PARKER pointed his finger at Mr. BROWN and stated that BROWN talked like a Communist and that he was espousing the Communist Party line.

Other than the above, [REDACTED] said that he had no additional comment to make concerning Governor BROWN'S loyalty. He stated, however, that in view of the items which he mentioned, as set forth above, he did not feel that he could personally recommend that Governor BROWN be given access to confidential data in which the United States Government has an interest.

b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

b7C AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

b7C [REDACTED] advised on May 11, 1960 that he has known of Governor BROWN professionally for 20 years and always knew him to be a loyal American. [REDACTED] stated that as Governor of the State of California, Mr. BROWN is head of the California National Guard and also as Governor of the State of California, he is entrusted with confidential information. [REDACTED] advised he did not believe that any leaks would come from Governor BROWN. [REDACTED] further stated that he did not know Governor BROWN well enough to pass on his character or associates.

b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

b7C AT MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

b7C [REDACTED] Attorney, 4115 I Street, [REDACTED] on May 11, 1960 advised that he had known Governor EDMUND G. BROWN for approximately ten years, and since BROWN has been Governor, he has been in contact with him several times a week during the periods the Assembly is in session. He advised that he considers Governor BROWN as being of good character and reputation. He advised that he considers Governor BROWN as being a loyal American and that no question has ever been raised regarding Governor BROWN which would reflect unfavorably on his character, reputation or loyalty.

b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

b7C AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

b7C [REDACTED] Aerojet General Corporation, advised on May 12, 1960 that he has been acquainted with Governor BROWN since approximately 1947 and has had a great deal of social contact with him since that time. He stated that he regards Governor BROWN as a person of excellent character, associates and he has no reason whatsoever to doubt Governor BROWN'S loyalty to the United States. He stated he believes Governor BROWN can be placed in a high position of trust.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7C

b7C On May 12, 1960, [REDACTED] Sacramento, California, advised that he has known Governor BROWN for over 20 years and regards him as a person of excellent character and associates. He stated he has no reason to doubt Governor BROWN'S loyalty to the United States and would highly recommend him to a position of trust. b2, b7D

On May 11, 1960, San Francisco [REDACTED] furnished a 6-page mimeographed document mailed to him from the Northern California Headquarters of EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN for Attorney General, San Francisco, California, on October 16, 1950, which was captioned "For Your Information and Use". This mimeographed document was designed to refute charges that BROWN was a "leftist" because (1) in February, 1945, he described deportation proceedings against HARRY BRIDGES as a "threat to industrial peace" and joined in the recommendation that they be dropped, (2) he held membership in the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild, (3) his name was used as a member of a committee on a letterhead of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, Northern California Division in conjunction with a testimonial dinner on April 22, 1946, and (4) because his name was used in connection with a banquet given by a "Salute to Young America".

A photostat of the above document, together with the envelope in which it was received, is attached, marked "Exhibit C".

A characterization of the National Citizens Political Action Committee is appended hereto.

Governor EDMUND G. BROWN, in a telephone conversation with SAC RICHARD D. AUERBACH on May 9, 1960, expressed a desire to furnish certain pertinent information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Accordingly, an appointment was requested and Governor BROWN was contacted on the afternoon of May 13, 1960 and furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED] b7

He stated that while campaigning for election as Attorney General of California during the fall of 1950, certain elements in California attempted to "smear" his reputation by inferring that he had "leftist" tendencies. These persons attempted to cite three or four incidents to support their contention.

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Governor BROWN said that for the purpose of combating this "smear", a carefully documented statement of the true facts was prepared for presentation to the public.

Governor BROWN reviewed this statement prepared during September, 1950 and stated that although his recollection of some of the details was somewhat hazy, due to the lapse of time, it is an accurate description of his position in these matters, as noted above. A photostatic of the statement referred to by Governor BROWN is submitted with this report as Exhibit C.

One of these charges related to a recommendation made by Mr. BROWN in February, 1945, that deportation proceedings not be carried out against HARRY BRIDGES, West Coast longshoremen's Union leader. Mr. BROWN, who was then District Attorney of San Francisco County, noted that the political philosophy of BRIDGES had nothing whatever to do with his action in this instance. BRIDGES at the time had what amounted to almost virtual control of western ports through which men and weapons were being routed to the Pacific. Many persons, Governor BROWN stated, were apprehensive that action against BRIDGES at the time might lead to a sympathy tie-up of the waterfront which could possibly have disastrous results to the war effort.

Governor BROWN said his action at that time was dictated entirely by military expediency. He noted, in reviewing the statement referred to above, that numerous U. S. officials, prominent civil and industrial leaders, members of the California and other West Coast legislatures, members of Congress, and the press expressed themselves publicly to the same effect. Included in this group was the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, a United States Senator and the California Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Another of these charges, he stated, related to the fact that at one time during about 1945 he was listed as a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

Governor BROWN stated that his connection with this organization was brief. His original intention to join was prompted by Judge ED MURPHY, then a prominent and highly respected member of the Superior Court in San Francisco County. Governor BROWN recalled a conversation with Judge MURPHY on a



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plane trip which influenced his action. He could not recall attending any meeting, however, and decided to resign from the organization after reading one of the pamphlets. He became aware that he "didn't like the people in it" and that he had no sympathy for the "line" which the organization was beginning to take. He also recalled that several prominent persons, which he believed included Judge MURPHY, also resigned on the same day.

Governor BROWN stated that the quotation from his letter in the statement referred to above clearly points out the reason for his resignation, i.e., the differences between the Guild's national policy and his own personal convictions.

He also stated that he was criticized for attending a dinner for HENRY A. WALLACE who during 1946, as Secretary of Commerce, visited San Francisco, and noted that prominent civic leaders in San Francisco, including both Republicans and Democrats, participated in the arrangements.

The fourth charge, Governor BROWN stated, related to his alleged connection with a banquet in late 1945 in San Francisco. He recalled a group of young people visiting him at his office in this connection, and that there was some indication that he was desired as a speaker. He noted that he had always been interested in young people and their activities. However, he later received information from a Judge McMAHON, who had also been approached, that there was some question as to the sponsorship of the banquet. In reviewing the statement, previously referred to, he stated that use of his name was without his authorization; that he did not appear at the banquet; and that he did not support the organization or engage in its activities.

Governor BROWN also recalled another meeting in the Los Angeles area about June, 1946, at which he made a brief appearance. This occurred during his campaign for Attorney General on a ticket headed by BOB KENNEY, who was also there along with a number of other speakers. The meeting was held at some large auditorium where prize fights were held because he recalled the ring in the auditorium, and the rally was attended by perhaps as many as 5,000 people. He could not recall the organization which sponsored the meeting but believed that the theme of the meeting had something to do with opposition to the Ku Klux Klan. Governor BROWN said on this occasion he spoke four or five minutes, and that several other candidates were present and spoke. He recognized the group, after his arrival, as having what he described as a "left wing" flavor.

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He noted that he could not recall this incident as having been included in the "smear" campaign but that an individual who was not aware of the true facts might possibly place the wrong interpretation on his appearance.

Governor BROWN observed, in conclusion, that one of the great problems this country faces today is the danger of Russian Communism and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he, as the Governor of California, have a common purpose in meeting and facing this danger.

b7C [REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

CREDIT AND POLICE CHECKS

b7C, b7D On May 13, 1960, [REDACTED] Sacramento Retail Credit Association; [REDACTED] Sacramento Police Department, and [REDACTED] Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, all advised they had no record in their files concerning Governor BROWN [REDACTED]. b7C

NATIONAL CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Fifth Report of the Un-American Activities Committee to the 1949 Regular California Legislature at page 351, cited the National Citizens Political Action Committee as "typical of the completely Communist created and controlled organizations in the...political association and civic committee field." This Report indicates it was also cited in the 1948 Report of the same Committee at page 38. At page 315 of the 1949 Report of the above Committee, the following is set forth:

"The Hollywood Unit of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Cited as a Communist front which was successor to a number of Communist fronts, including Motion Picture Democratic Committee, and Hollywood Democratic Committee. When ICCASP 'joined hands' with National Citizens Political Action Committee to 'form the new political Communist front, Progressive Citizens of America, HICCAPS became the Hollywood Unit. (PCA later merged into the Independent Progressive Party, just before the 1948 presidential campaign, in the HENRY WALLACE third party, but the nucleus of HICCAPS regrouped late in 1948 as the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council'.)"

The 1955 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 46, stated, "The Independent Progressive Party in California was quickly captured by the Communists, and by the time the Wallace for President campaign had swung into high gear was being operated lock, stock and barrel by the Communist Party of California. Time after time the committee in questioning witnesses throughout the State discovered that the leaders of the Communist Parties in various localities were identical with the leaders of the Independent Progressive Party in the same area. It is true, of course, that in the Independent Progressive Party there were many sincere liberals who, because of dissatisfaction with the two major political organizations registered as Independent Progressives and continued their affiliation until the true control of the I.P.P. became obvious. These people invariably resigned, many of them having given the benefit of their experience to various official agencies interested in the exposure of subversive activities."

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NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in House Report No. 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee dated March 29, 1944, page 149, cited the National Lawyers' Guild as a communist front.

The Committee on Un-American Activities in House Report No. 3123 on the National Lawyers' Guild dated September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950) cited the National Lawyers' Guild as a communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents".

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in its Handbook for Americans, Senate Document No. 117, dated April 23, 1956, page 91, stated that "To defend the cases of communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection".

APPENDIX PAGE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 116-52286

San Francisco, California  
May 16, 1960

EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT-APPLICANT

All Confidential Informants referred to in the  
report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 16, 1960, at San Francisco, California, have furnished  
reliable information in the past. b7C

This is furnished for your information and  
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January 10, 1946

Mr. Edmund G. Brown  
460 Magellan Avenue  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Brown:

In a newspaper dispatch datelined New York, January 8, 1946, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, publicly stated that the American Youth for Democracy is the successor of the Young Communist League.

The same United States Government Official, who above all others should be in a position to speak with authority, stigmatizes American Communism as holding "....a godless, truthless philosophy of life. They are against the America our forefathers fought and died for; they are against the established freedoms of America ....There is a distinction between respecting our ally Russia and respecting those within our country who would destroy all that we believe in."

We note that you were listed as a Sponsor for the Banquet honoring the American Youth for Democracy held on Saturday, November 10, 1945, at the St. Francis Hotel.

As Veterans who fought to prevent these United States from becoming "a godless, totalitarian state" we cannot believe that you, as an American citizen, knowingly gave your consent to be used in support of the American Youth for Democracy.

Our membership comprising over seventy per cent of the Student Body of this University would like a written expression of your stand on the American Youth for Democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Omicron Epsilon

per

Americanization Committee

*Committee*  
Second Anniversary Dinner in San Francisco  
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in San Francisco

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Speakers  
Alexander Knox? - on Budget  
Pat Brown - on Negro  
Jonathan Russell - on Labor  
Dewey Means - on Negro youth  
Bill Beaver? - on collection  
J. Thompson - collection

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John Paul Elial  
Adrian J. Felt  
Martha Field  
Pat Fogarty  
Estelene Griffin  
Gus Gomer  
Cynthia Johnson  
Art's Gus J. and Mr. Kenny  
Rev. John C. Laffier  
Mr. Edgar A. Lawther  
Richard Lucas  
Henry & Lucy  
James L. McGrath  
John Robert McMahon  
Dorothy Mood  
Dr. U. S. Mitchell  
Judge Clarence Morris  
B. H. Norton  
Dr. Norman Podiatron  
Mervyn Rothbome  
George & Billy  
Robb Schwartz  
J. C. Sermon  
Dr. W. Rogers  
Ray Shepardson  
Frost Staby  
Rev. A. Morgan Stee  
Henry Shue Tom  
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Harold Trimble  
Dr. Carl E. Warren  
Anita Soul White  
Rabbi Saul White  
Dr. Emil Whitner  
Sam Young  
Edward A. Zeisler

EDMUND G. BROWN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DOUGLAS 2515

OFFICE OF  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
550 MONTGOMERY STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 11, CALIFORNIA

February 1, 1946

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Americanization  
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University of San Francisco  
San Francisco 7, California

Dear [REDACTED]

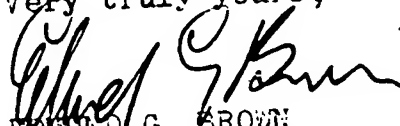
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Thank you for your letter of January 16. I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I first investigated its background. I knew that the Young Communist League or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the American Youth for Democracy. I, therefore, called the young lady who asked me to become a sponsor for the dinner, not the organization, and asked her if there was any truth in the assertion that the American Youth for Democracy was communistic in either origin or intent.

She advised me that it was not in any manner, shape, or form communistic although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged. She told me that they were affiliated with many church groups. I was also advised by her that the organization encouraged young people to participate in government and that it fought racial intolerance and religious bigotry.

I would consider it a pleasure to discuss with you at length organizations such as this. You have fought and died for a terrific cause, but the real fight has now begun. Merely being against some organization is not sufficient. Active participation to hold the things you won must never cease.

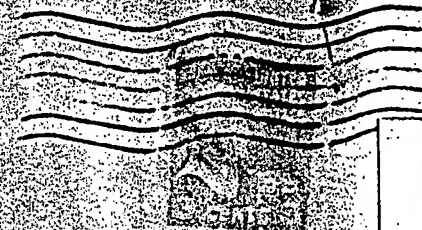
Very truly yours,

  
EDMUND G. BROWN  
District Attorney

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Exhibit B

Northern California Headquarters  
EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN  
FOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

607 Market Street  
San Francisco 5, Calif.



SEND YOUR LETTERS TO  
WESTERN SAFETY  
U.S. SAVINGS BANK



FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE

The undersigned believe that you, as a responsible individual interested in truth will want to read the attached document refuting a Statewide political smear designed to portray Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, District Attorney of San Francisco and Democratic nominee for Attorney General, as a "leftist."

The document categorically destroys each of four separate allegations on the following subjects; (1) Pat Brown's letter on the Bridges deportation case; (2) membership in the Lawyers' Guild; (3) assistance in arranging a banquet in 1946 for the then Secretary of Commerce, and former Vice President of the United States, Henry A. Wallace; (4) alleged support of a "Salute to Young America" Banquet.

The allegations against Mr. Brown first emerged as a political document whose sponsors, through elementary inquiry, could have determined the baseless nature of this attempt to impugn his loyalty and integrity.

Following the original circulation of the "leftist" canard, it was reproduced last week as a "Special Report Dealing with Communism" in a scurrilous handbill distributed by "Alert", a "confidential" newsletter whose Los Angeles publisher is a campaign associate of Mr. Shattuck, and appears at public meetings with him. The handbill is being mailed to thousands of persons in envelopes bearing no return address.

MR. SHATTUCK HIMSELF IS EMBRACING THIS DEFAMATORY MATERIAL AND GIVING UTTERANCE TO IT IN HIS CAMPAIGN TALKS.

In our view--and we believe in the view of thinking citizens--the conduct and actions of Mr. Brown's opponent and his allies pose this question:

Would Mr. Shattuck, as Attorney General--the State's chief law enforcement officer--have the same reckless disregard of TRUTH in matters affecting YOUR reputation, if by so doing he could advance his own political fortunes?

Although we have no desire to play into the hands of Mr. Brown's opponent by giving further circulation to this smear, we believe that you as a leader of public opinion, should have the facts. You are privileged to use this statement, and the accompanying documentary proof of Mr. Brown's victimization, in any manner that you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

HENRY G. BODKIN, SR., Los Angeles

HONORABLE HUGH BURNS, Fresno  
(Chairman, State Senate Committee  
on Un-American Activities)

GEORGE CREEL, San Francisco

FREDERICK DOCKWEILER, Los Angeles

EHMETT DOHERTY, Los Angeles

HONORABLE CHESTER GANNON, Sacramento

LEON HAPPELL, Stockton  
(Past Commander, Department of  
California, American Legion)

HUGH McKEVITT, San Francisco

SIG NYLANDER, San Francisco

LLOYD F. OLESON, Ventura  
(Past National Commander. Disabled  
American Veterans)

HONORABLE JOHN W. PRESTON, Los Angeles  
(Former Associate Justice, California  
State Supreme Court)

HONORABLE PETER J. SHIELDS, Sacramento  
(Dean of the Sacramento County  
Superior Court bench, retired)

September 29, 1950

CHARGE #1

....that District Attorney Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, Democratic nominee for Attorney General, is a "leftist" because, in FEBRUARY, 1945 he described deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges as a "threat to industrial peace " and joined in a recommendation that they be dropped.

THE TRUTH

IT IS APPARENT FROM THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF FACT THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BROWN'S FEBRUARY, 1945, STATEMENT WAS ISSUED IN CONCERT WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY OTHER CIVIC, STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING WATERFRONT STRIFE AT A TIME WHEN THE NATION WAS ENGAGED IN A DEATH STRUGGLE WITH THE AXIS POWERS. THE ATTEMPT, FIVE YEARS LATER, TO ISOLATE THE BROWN LETTER AND MAKE IT APPEAR THAT HE IS A "LEFTIST" FOR HAVING WRITTEN IT, IS A PALPABLY CRUDE POLITICAL SMEAR.

The political philosophy of Harry Bridges had nothing to do with Mr. Brown's action, and the chronology of events leading up to it makes this fact absolutely clear.

In FEBRUARY, 1945, our nation was at war. As leader of the Longshoremen's Union, Harry Bridges virtually controlled the operation of West Coast ports through which American men and material had to pass enroute to the theatres of war.

Early in 1944 Bridges' union wrote a voluntary "no-strike" clause into its contract. This action, in support of the war effort, lead the California State Assembly, on JUNE 13, 1944, to pass a resolution publicly praising the union for its pledge. The resolution was voted 58 to 1 and later made unanimous.

On JUNE 26, 1944 - 13 days after the Assembly resolution was passed -- the United States Circuit Court of Appeals denied Bridges a writ of habeas corpus in his fight against deportation.

This led immediately to openly expressed public apprehension that Bridges' workers would tie up the waterfront in sympathy with him.



On AUGUST 14, 1944, Rear Admiral Carlton H. Wright, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, wrote an official letter to Bridges in which he stated:

"As Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District I wish to take this occasion to express the appreciation of the Navy here of the work of the stevedore and longshore trades in the transporting of troops and supplies to the war area....It is gratifying to receive your assurances that the work in connection with supporting the war effort will go on."

Government officials, prominent citizens. Legislative leaders and the Press joined in expressing themselves publicly in favor of dropping deportation proceedings against the longshore leader.

Here are some of the actions taken and statements made:

On FEBRUARY 2, 1945, Royce Brier, Editorial Director of the San Francisco Chronicle, a Republican newspaper, wrote in his column:

"Attorney General Biddle is going to deport Bridges simply because he, Biddle, thinks it is a good idea.... Biddle says he has a law for this and undoubtedly he has. So much more the reason for repealing it."

On FEBRUARY 5, 1945, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted a resolution addressed to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Biddle, urging that deportation proceedings against Bridges be abandoned because "incalculable harm" to home front unity would result.

On the same date, FEBRUARY 5, 1945, District Attorney Brown wrote the letter describing the Bridges deportation proceedings as a "threat to industrial peace" and said he hoped Bridges would be permitted the "opportunity" to seek citizenship.

At about this time, members of the West Coast Congressional delegation, including United States Senator Downey, appealed to the President to intervene in Bridges' behalf.

On FEBRUARY 24, 1945, R. R. McFall, California Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, wrote President Roosevelt that:

"In the interests of harmony, and in order that we may continue to present a united front in this critical period of our war, I ask for a careful consideration of all the facts in this case."

On FEBRUARY 28, 1945, Governor Mon C. Wallgren of the State of Washington, wrote the President that:

"From impartial observation it appears to me that the residents of the Pacific Coast and the State of Washington favor the dismissal of the deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges."

At the same time 23 members of the Washington State Senate, and 51 members of the Washington State House of Representatives joined in a similar appeal to the President.

On MARCH 31, 1945, Republican Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney of San Francisco, Speaker Pro Tem of the California Legislature, wrote to President Roosevelt that:

"It would be an economic mistake to deport Mr. Bridges."

On JUNE 18, 1945, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the deportation order against Bridges was invalid.

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#### CHARGE #2

....That Pat Brown is a "leftist" because he held membership in the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild.

#### THE TRUTH

Pat Brown was a member of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild. The Honorable Edward P. Murphy, Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court, was president of the chapter when Brown served as a vice president in 1945. Serving as vice-president with him was Walter Gordon, now chairman of the California State Adult Authority (an appointee of Governor Warren). Many other prominent California attorneys likewise held memberships in its State chapters, including such leaders of the legal fraternity as Philip H. Angell, of San Francisco, former President of the State Bar of California.

The Guild's national roster included the names of such men as United States Supreme Court Justice Jackson; Federal Judge Ferdinand Pecora, of New York; the Honorable William H. Hasty, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia;

the Honorable James H. Wolfe, Utah Supreme Court; and the Honorable John P. Devaney, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

It is interesting to note that State Senator Jack Tenney, former Chairman of the California Legislature's Un-American Activities Committee, was a charter member of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild. He sought law business for his firm, Tenney & Halva, by advertising in the National Lawyers' Guild Quarterly magazine.

Pat Brown resigned from the Guild when it became clear that the Guild's national policies conflicted with his own views. Other resignations followed. In his letter of resignation, District Attorney Brown stated his disagreement with Guild policy in these words:

"It is my belief that the greatest problem facing us today is the prevention of another war. I believe the Marshall Plan will do more than anything else in the world to solve this problem. In view of the Guild's national policy and my own convictions, I have taken the above action" (resignation).

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#### CHARGE #3

....That Pat Brown is a "leftist because his name was used as a member of a committee on a letterhead of the National Citizens' Political Action Committee, Northern California Division, in conjunction with a testimonial dinner for Henry A. Wallace, given at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on APRIL 22 1946.

#### THE TRUTH

On APRIL 22, 1946, Henry A. Wallace, former Vice-President of the United States, was United States Secretary of Commerce, and in that capacity, he visited San Francisco.

The committee in charge of the banquet represented a cross-section of the leaders of the San Francisco community. The Honorable Roger D. Lapham, Mayor of San Francisco, and a Republican leader, gave the welcoming address. Mrs. Henry

F. Grady, wife of the former American Ambassador to Greece, was chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

CHARGE #4

....That Pat Brown is a "leftist" because his name was used in connection with a banquet given by a "Salute to Young America Committee", a Communist-front organization.

THE TRUTH

This accusation is based solely upon a report published in the "People's World" under date of November 7, 1945, announcing a "Salute to Young America" banquet, and listing District Attorney Brown as a member of the banquet committee.

The use of District Attorney Brown's name was entirely without his knowledge or authorization. Mr. Brown never appeared at the banquet which he allegedly sponsored. He has never been a supporter of the organization. He has never in any way participated in its activities.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AEAA</b>	

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REFERENCE: San Francisco airtel to Los Angeles dated 5/9/60.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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5/16/60

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title:

EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
CA-15757

Character:

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] commented favorably concerning the applicant's loyalty, character and reputation and stated that to his knowledge, the applicant was never knowingly associated with individuals or organizations of questionable reputation or loyalty. Applicant reportedly spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Mobilization for Democracy in Los Angeles in June, 1946.

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DETAILS:

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On May 16, 1960, [REDACTED]

California, advised that he has known the applicant for approximately the past 25 years. He stated that he was associated professionally with the applicant between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] during which period the applicant was [REDACTED]

was serving as [REDACTED]

He related that BROWN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued that his contact with the applicant over the years has been on a limited social basis as well as a professional one and even though they have had their political differences in being associated with different political parties, he has always regarded the applicant as a man of the highest integrity whose morals,

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personal habits, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. In addition, [REDACTED] stated that he has never known the applicant to knowingly be associated with persons or organizations of questionable reputation and loyalty.

By report dated June 20, 1946, U. S. Army Intelligence advised that the Mobilization for Democracy on June 14, 1946 sponsored a "Stop the Klan" meeting at Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, California. According to this report, EDMUND BROWN, District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco, was introduced at this meeting and spoke briefly. This report indicated that BROWN complimented Los Angeles on "its great meeting tonight" and said he was "going to try to have the same kind of meeting in San Francisco."

The Third Report on Un-American Activities in California, 1947, on page 369 describes the Mobilization for Democracy as one of "the key Communist fronts in California."

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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## INFORMANT IDENTIFICATION

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The identities of the SAs who observed DREW PEARSON and Governor BROWN enter the Soviet Embassy are located in WFO file 100-16597 Sub B. (S)(u)

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Synopsis: No record CSC. Passport information set forth. WF T-1  
advised Governor BROWN and columnist DREW PEARSON had  
luncheon appointment with Soviet Ambassador 1/26/60. (U)

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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b7C The records of the Investigations Division, Civil  
Service Commission, as caused to be checked on May 16, 1960,  
by IC [REDACTED], did not reflect any information  
concerning Governor BROWN.

b7C The files of the Passport Office, Department of  
State, reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on May 16, 1960, disclose  
that EDMUND GERALD BROWN was issued San Francisco Series  
passport #30196 on October 11, 1954, for a five-week trip  
to Mexico, Guatemala, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela to attend  
the Pan American Congress of Public Law Administration. Attached  
is a photostat of his birth certificate which lists his birth  
date as April 21, 1905, at San Francisco, California. He listed  
his permanent residence as 460 Magellam Avenue, San Francisco,  
California. He listed his father as EDMUND JOSEPH BROWN who  
was born at San Francisco, California, on October 22, 1870,  
deceased. He listed his mother as IDA SHUCKMAN who was born  
at Venado, California, on January 11, 1879, residing at above  
permanent residence. He states he was married on October 30,  
1931, to BERNICE LAYNE who was born at San Francisco, California,  
on November 19, 1908.

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The file contained no additional pertinent information.

WF T-1 learned on January 26, 1960, that DREW PEARSON, newspaper columnist, had a luncheon appointment with the Soviet Ambassador, MIKHAIL A. MENSHIKOV, on that date. According to informant, PEARSON advised that Governor BROWN of California was in Washington, D. C., and PEARSON wondered if the Ambassador would like to change the luncheon appointment and have luncheon with PEARSON and the Governor. Informant learned that MENSHIKOV invited PEARSON and Governor BROWN to have lunch with him at the Embassy of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics at 1:00 p.m. on January 26, 1960. (S)(u)

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed DREW PEARSON and Governor EDMUND G. BROWN enter the Soviet Embassy shortly before 1:00 p.m. on January 26, 1960. They observed Governor BROWN leave the Embassy about an hour later and observed PEARSON leaving the Embassy almost half an hour after Governor BROWN departed. (u)(S).

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May 18, 1960

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b7D [REDACTED] mentioned in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Agent [REDACTED] mentioned in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 5/26/60

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (116-132564)  
EDMUND GERALD BROWN - CA  
aka  
AEA-A

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/18/60. b7C

A representative of CIA advised SA [REDACTED] that the files of that agency contain no derogatory information concerning BROWN. This information was furnished 5/26/60.

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Approved: [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 25, 1960

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**EDMUND GERALD BROWN**  
**also known as Pat Brown**  
**ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT**

*b7C*  
[redacted] of California advised on May 23, 1960, that he has known Governor Brown since 1945 when he, [redacted], was California State [redacted] and Brown was the State Attorney General. [redacted] stated there had been differences in political beliefs; however, he felt that Governor Brown was entirely loyal and competent to handle Atomic Energy information.

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MR. MOHR:

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
"PAT" BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Pursuant to the request of the Investigative Division, I talked with the Office of [REDACTED] (R. - Calif.) 5-23-60. Previous attempts had been made to get in touch with [REDACTED] but in view of travel status he was not available.

b7C [REDACTED] advised 5-23-60 that he had known Governor Brown since 1945 when he, [REDACTED] and Brown was the State Attorney General. He stated there had been differences in political beliefs, however, felt that Governor Brown was entirely loyal and competent to handle Atomic Energy information.

[REDACTED] has been contacted on three different occasions, the last contact being 5-23-60, relative to determining if [REDACTED] desired to make any comments regarding Governor Brown. There has been no reply from [REDACTED] to date, consequently, it is anticipated he does not desire to make any comments for the report.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Investigative Division for appropriate consideration.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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May 24, 1960

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EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
Also known as "Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT-APPLICANT

On May 23, 1960, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished the following comments in connection with this matter:

He has known Governor Brown for about the past 15 years, beginning when he, [REDACTED] and Brown was a District Attorney there. Later, Brown was Attorney General while [REDACTED]. While he and Brown were affiliated with different political parties during the above periods, Brown was always most cooperative with him and was considered a good law enforcement officer. There has never been any question in his mind about Brown's honesty and he considers Brown to be loyal to the United States, with no inclination toward communism. There is nothing he could say which would be adverse to Brown insofar as his character, loyalty or associations are concerned.

NOTE: Above interview with [REDACTED] conducted by SA [REDACTED], Liaison Section. In accordance with approved procedure for handling interviews in this case, [REDACTED] was informed of reason for investigation; namely, that it has been requested by Atomic Energy Commission in order to provide basis for clearance determination in view of Brown's need for access to classified Atomic Energy data as Chairman of Board of Regents, University of California.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

May 27, 1960

### Personal

Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

With reference to your inquiry about Governor Edmund G. Brown, who is subject to security clearance because of his membership on the Board of Regents of the University of California:

I have no hesitancy at all in giving my unqualified approval to such a clearance.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : Mr. Callahan

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
 Pat Brown, CA 15757  
 ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT  
 (GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA)

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DATE: May 27, 1960

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Investigation requested by John A. McCone, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) ordered 5/6/60, completed 5/26/60.

Interviews were conducted with persons associated with Brown in civic, social, legal, official and political fields, but no neighborhood investigation was conducted. All persons interviewed advised investigation being conducted at specific request of AEC. Attached investigative reports reflect Brown, when District Attorney, San Francisco, in 1945, opposed deportation of Harry Bridges, notorious west coast labor leader; Brown former member and vice president San Francisco chapter National Lawyers Guild (NLG), cited as communist front; in 1945 Brown reportedly sponsored a dinner honoring the American Youth for Democracy (AYD), designated by Attorney General under EO 10450. Brown and Drew Pearson, newspaper columnist, visited Soviet Embassy 1/26/60, to have lunch with Soviet Ambassador Menshikov.

Numerous prominent Democrats and Republicans interviewed, including U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R), Congressman John F. Shelly (D), former U. S. Senator William F. Knowland (R), former Governor Goodwin J. Knight (R), all of California, as well as Chief Justice Warren, U. S. Supreme Court. All furnished favorable comments concerning Brown except [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Brown characterized by those who furnished favorable information as loyal American whose private life and integrity unquestioned. However, some persons close to Brown state he is impulsive and ambiguous in both speech and actions and as a result gets in "hot water" on occasions.

[REDACTED] believes Brown is lacking in character, ability, judgment, integrity and cannot keep a secret. [REDACTED] criticized Brown's handling of recently publicized Caryl Chessman case and also accused Brown of stealing [REDACTED] of forming National Association of District Attorneys.

## Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Liaison Section

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
Re: EDMUND GERALD BROWN

Brown, who was advised investigation was being conducted at the request of AEC was interviewed at his request. Brown stated he was aware of allegations of leftist tendencies against him. Said his opposition to deportation of Harry Bridges dictated by military and civic expediency since he feared deportation of Bridges would result in tie-up of California waterfront. Claimed his membership in NLG prompted by legal associates but that he left NLG after becoming aware of the nature of the organization. Brown concluded by stating that one of the greatest problems this country faces today is the danger of Russian communism and that the FBI and he, as Governor of California, have a common purpose in meeting and facing this danger.

RECOMMENDATION

(NOT AN FBI EXCISION)  
It is recommended that the ~~attorney~~ investigative reports be delivered to AEC by a representative of the Liaison Section.

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Oakley - 6/1/63  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

12:28PM May 2, 1960

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Parsons ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☐  
Mr. Callahan ☒  
Mr. DeLoach ☒  
Mr. Malone ☐  
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Miss Holmes ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

Chairman JOHN MC CONE, Atomic Energy Commission, telephoned through the White House operator for the Director. He was advised of the Director's absence and asked if anyone else could be of service to him. He declined to speak to anyone else and asked that the Director return his call through the White House operator. He did not indicate what he wishes to discuss with the Director, but said that it was "quite important."

He was told that the Director would be advised upon his return to the office.

Mr. Mohr knows of no reason for Mr. McCone's call. Mr. Parsons is checking and if he finds any reason for the call, the Director will be immediately advised.

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ADDENDUM: 12:38PM msr

Mr. Parsons has advised that Mr. McCone may be calling in regard to their request for a Bureau representative on the team surveying French Atomic Energy Security measures. This request was turned down last week. Copies of memoranda regarding this matter are being obtained and will be furnished the Director.

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Date: 8/23/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (116-442768)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (116-132564) (RUC)  
EDMUND GERALD BROWN,  
aka Pat Brown - CA - 15737  
AEA - A

Re WFO report dated 5/18/60 captioned as above by  
SA [REDACTED] b7C

Rerep stated that HCUA records were unavailable for  
review at that time.

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HCUA records are being reviewed and on 8/23/62, IC  
[REDACTED] reviewed the records of the HCUA and  
determined that there are numerous references to the applicant  
while the applicant was an official of the State of California,  
however, these references are not deemed sufficiently derogatory  
or pertinent to report. UACB, WFO not reporting information  
contained in HCUA files.

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